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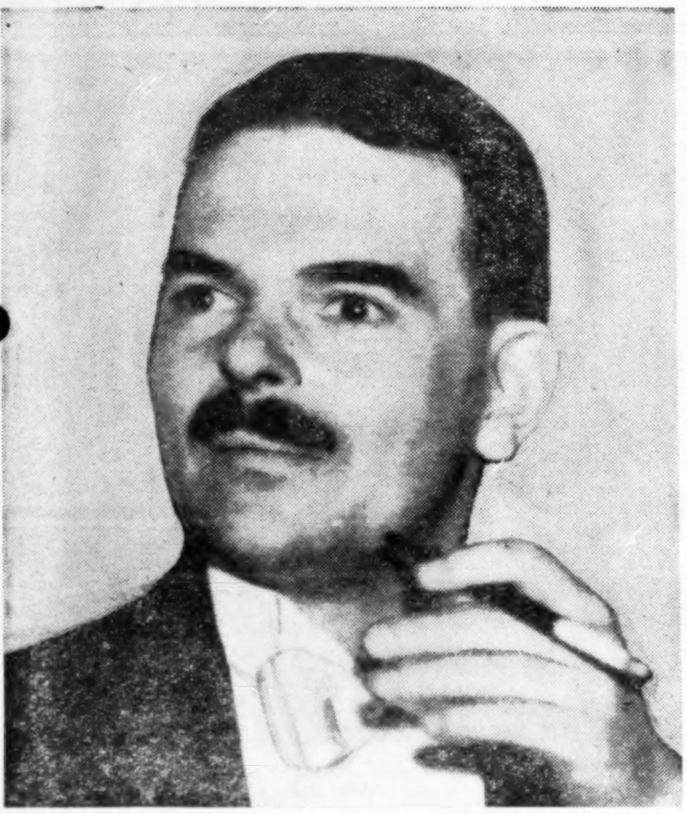

GOVERNOR THOMAS E. DEWEY
Let 'em eat cake—on the Times Square shuttle

Witch-hunted teachers win strong allies as court test nears

IN MOST cities the schools have been assaulted by witch-hunters from the outside. In New York it has been largely an inside job.

But although in New York professional anti-communists have been used sparingly, the keynote of the Board of Education's offensive was first sounded at the Hotel Astor, March 3, 1950, by the Joint Committee Against Communism in the New York Schools. Conferees included state commanders of four veterans' organizations; Alfred Kohlberg, chairman, and Benjamin Schultz, executive director, of the American Jewish League Against Communism; Theodore Kirkpatrick, secy.-treas. of the blacklisting publication **Counterattack**.

A similar gang-up also campaigned against modern educational methods, interracial and intercultural programs, school study of UN. They drove **The Nation** out of the schools, campaigned for more prayer in the classrooms.

At the Astor in 1950 they drafted a formal petition to the Board of Education "to take any and all steps necessary or desirable to bar the Teachers Union from the schools of the City of New York."

THE RECORD: Less than a month later, on April 6, the board opened public hearings on the TU. By May 1 eight teachers were suspended. The attack was on. The TU has been under relentless fire ever since—but more than the TU has suffered.

As of last week these are the casualty figures: in the public schools 23 teachers dismissed and eight suspended (all Jewish), 180 awaiting questioning; in the colleges 12 have been fired. The figures on the fired and the questioned tell scarcely half the story. The whole school system is badly scared.

A survey by the N.Y. **Times** (5/10/51) found "a subtle, creeping paralysis of freedom of thought and speech attacking college campuses. . . ." **NYT**'s Kalman Siegel reported:

"At the City College of New York, a student leader said he was 'extremely reluctant' to express any opinions that might be considered left-wing, even when asked to write a theme on a political issue.

"A student editor held that his fellow students were unwilling to speak out, particularly in engineering where, he said, 'the wrong word at the wrong time might jeopardize their futures.' He said agents

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JUST OUT: "Conformists, Informers or Free Teachers," containing excerpts from the trials of seven N.Y.C. teachers dismissed last January; published by Teachers Union, 206 W. 15th St., N. Y. 11. Price: 10c.

Poor poppa!

Teachers caught in the New York school inquisition face these questions from Saul Moskoff, asst. corporation counsel assigned to the Board of Education:

"Do you know the following people . . . ? Were you ever at the home of . . . ? Did you ever discuss foreign policy? Did you ever recommend the reading of certain books . . . ? Did you ever say that the U. S. is imperialistic? What did your father do?"

They knuckled under to Dewey

City Hall rout perils hospitals and schools

By Elmer Bendiner

AT THE week-end Mayor Impellitteri had entered his "budget retreat" in the office of Budget Dir. Abraham D. Beame in the Municipal Bldg., charged with balancing the city's budget by Apr. 7. In City Hall the retreat was a rout. Not the city but the city's government seemed bankrupt.

Plain New Yorkers waited (and in some circles mobilized) while measures were under way to slash jobs and services in hospitals and schools, increase taxes and fares—on top of a state-decreed rent rise. New Yorkers were told to tighten their belts as if under siege. Meanwhile city leaders by radio and TV used the crisis to knife rivals with an eye to November's campaign. (They hurriedly voted down proposals to cut their own pay, give up their city-paid Cadillacs.)

DEFICIT—$73,000,000: This in brief was the dollar-and-cents picture the Mayor took with him into retreat: next year's deficit—$173,000,000. Albany's Transit Authority Plan to raise subway fares to 15c will take the transit deficit out of the city budget leaving it at $123,000,000. A realty tax authorized by Albany, hitting small home owners as hard as big landlords, could raise another $50,000,000 leaving the city still short by $73,000,000. The Mayor said:

"Vital services will have to suffer—hospitals, health, police, fire, sanitation and all the way down the line."

Complaining that the solution was "being forced down our throats," he pleaded: "Don't hold the Mayor responsible."

HALLEY SOUNDS ALARM: Meanwhile the Mayor (with Board of Estimate approval) prepared to meet Gov. Dewey's Apr. 20 deadline for naming the Transit Authority members who by July 1 may boost the fare to 15c.

Council pres. Rudolph Halley meanwhile predicted an ultimate fare of 25c, and in marathon radio broadcasts and countless press statements crusaded against the Mayor's capitulation (he voted against it in the Board of Estimate). He told the people: "There is still time to fight it out." Urging letters and wires to the Mayor, he commented:

"The Mayor wants badly enough to be re-elected—that he will listen to the people."

HOSPITALS CAN PAY: Halley has already announced his own candidacy for the mayoralty. His crusade, though, seemed badly tarnished. He offered in the place of Dewey's fare-rise a 12-page program including these "economies":

- $13,350,000 out of hospitals, already critically understaffed and underequipped. He advised: "Reduce patient stay by better laboratory processes."
- $26,065,000 out of the transit system, by mass firing of employes, reducing sick leave, eliminating city bus lines which parallel subways (involving more firings). He said the city "would just have to stand up" to union objections.
- $6,000,000 out of the police by eliminating 2,000 cops doing clerical and mechanical jobs.

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How can the American people halt the drive to war ?
SEE P. 3 National Edition

A TEACHER PICKETS WITH SOME SUPPORTERS
Lou Spindell (behind child with sign), a famous athlete, dismissed without hearing last October after defying the McCarran Committee. The line is marching outside the Board of Education.

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New York Edition MAILBAG

Resolution

NEW YORK, N. Y.

What the State and City authorities are doing to us residents of this great metropolis is an outrage of vast magnitude. The situation thus created by them opens up an invaluable opportunity for you to make the newly launched New York Edition of the GUARDIAN a thundering fighter arousing the indignation of the inhabitants of this community against such betrayal of public trust. You would not be doing this fully if you confined yourselves to reporting the facts as they evolve. Much more is needed: angry editorials and rousing articles.

I would like to see you agitate for a city-wide Resolution by every voter who cares

- That he or she shall not hereafter cast a vote for ANY Republican candidate for national, state and city office;
- That he or she shall from now on give his or her support to candidates of the American Labor Party;
- That each one in the city who has to pay state income tax keep a record of the amount of increased rent, fare and payroll tax the state is imposing on them and SHALL DEDUCT the total of such amounts from his or her state income tax of 1953.

A. Garcia Diaz

They liked Alex's

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Dear Alex:

Thank you for the generous contribution you made to the success of our Shashlik Dinner last Saturday night. The food was excellent, as usual, but as important was the warm spirit of cooperation. We are sincerely grateful to you, as we are to the GUARDIAN, where we first saw your ad.

Theresa A. Kanter, for ALP, 11th A. D., Rogers Club

A void filled

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Firstly, CONGRATULATIONS on the New York GUARDIAN. We really hugged it to us. Since the passing of The Compass, we have so much missed features such as guides to progressive and other good cultural and social events. You really have filled the void.

Aimee's Mommy and Daddy

N. Y. C. — 49th State?

Excerpt from a letter to Gov. Dewey on taxation and finance:

. . . If you and your administration were sincere in your professions of concern for the people of New York City, you would immediately make into law the principle of state taxation in the City only for goods or services given by the State to the City. This taxation would represent as precisely as possible the value of such goods or services as the State does actually give to the City, any superfluous funds to be refunded to New York City and her taxpayers. This is the solution to the City financial situation of today and all time, and also with respect to all inter-governmental and government-citizen relations. . . .

Therefore, unless you and your administration take steps to act as you should you will only spur all who think as I do (and there are many of us) to have New York City declared independent legally, politically and financially.

Samuel Bernstein

Reaction to Sullivan

AUDUBON, N. J.

I have read Ed Sullivan's vicious and dirty attack on the GUARDIAN in his column. The action of the theatre management in cancelling your theatre evening is another example of the kind of scurrilous and under-handed tactics pursued by anti-democratic elements now in the ascendancy in this country. Such moves make me realize all the more the necessity of supporting the GUARDIAN.

H. David Hammond

A movie guide

NEW YORK, N. Y.

New York Edition O.K.—except for one feature which should be included. The Daily Compass carried a Movie Guide. Would it be possible for your publication to do something similar—if not so extensive?

Finding a good movie to go to is like groping in the dark. A good guide alone would justify the price of the paper by preventing the spending of hard-earned money on trashy films.

Geralamo Tranchina

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Have you told your friends and newsdealers about the GUARDIAN's N. Y. Edition?

2,900 killed by gas in 12 years

Accidental gas poisoning has claimed the lives of 2,900 New Yorkers since 1940, according to the joint AFL-CIO Committee for Gas Safety. At the committee's urging Majority Leader Joseph T. Sharkey has introduced a bill in the City Council requiring utility companies to make annual inspections of every gas appliance they serve.

Recently at a hearing before the council, Brooklyn gas companies fought strenuously against the bill, calling it "unnecessary . . . impractical . . . too costly . . . unconstitutional." The union committee answered with a news clip showing that five children had just barely escaped death from a faulty gas-fired water heater.

HOW JIMCROW IS OUR TOWN? I—THE HOTELS

Not a single Negro in 2,400 white-collar jobs

By Eugene Gordon

This is New York, the city of opportunity, where nearly 8,000,000 people live in peace and harmony and enjoy the benefits of democracy.

Announcement broadcast daily by Municipal Station WNYC.

HOW much opportunity is there for Negro New Yorkers? How jimcrow is our town? The GUARDIAN, asking this question, turned for an answer first to the city's hotels, big, busy and prosperous.

The Greater New York Negro Labor Council has taken stock of the 16 major hotels and found that of 14,500 employes 900 are Negroes (about 6%; Negroes number 10% of the city's population). Most are in the lowest-paid menial jobs.

Among the 2,400 white collar workers (clerks, telephone operators, cashiers, bookkeepers) there are no Negroes at all. Department stores, the telephone company, the government service have long hired Negroes in these capacities. Among the 800 hotel bartenders in town there is not a single Negro. There are no Negro watchmen or detectives.

Though the Bureau of Labor Statistics (1947) reported 10% of all Negro male workers in the city are trained craftsmen, only 6 (1%) are among the 525 employed as electricians, carpenters, plumbers, engineers, painters and upholsterers in the 16 hotels surveyed. Some 580 people work in the banquet departments of the 16 big hotels; 3 or 4 are Negroes.

ROOM SERVICE: Where then do Negroes work in hotels? Ring for room service and you might find some. The front service departments in 154 hotels employ 4,300 and of these 766 are Negro, chiefly in the small or medium-sized hotels. There, very often, whole crews (bell-hops, doormen, elevator operators) are all-Negro except for the captain.

Although Negro waiters have generations of experience behind them on railroads (the job was once thought of as exclusively for Negroes), of 4,745 dining-room workers in 106 hotels, only 124 (less than 3%) are Negro. As earnings increased, table waiting became less and less a Negro job.

THE WOMEN: Negro women have a set groove in New York hotels. They number one-third of all housekeeping workers in 140 hotels surveyed. In almost all cases they are hired as maids, remain maids no matter how long they serve. They are among the lowest paid. A few Negro women may find their way into the kitchen or dining-room.

Since last Nov. 15, when these facts were presented to the Mayor and the State Commission Against Discrimination, the Greater N. Y. Negro Labor Council has concentrated on the Statler, 7th Av. and W. 33rd St., (105 Negroes out of 1,381) and the Sherry-Netherland, 5th Av. and 59th St.

Bert O'Neil, Sherry-Netherland manager, said Negroes had "never applied for most job classifications." NLC says they have. Statler's Thomas Try, who from the start refused to see all delegations, last week upgraded Lily Martin, Negro maid there since 1948, to floor housekeeper.

WHERE TO GO: The monthly **Freedom** (March) reports additional victories in the council's campaign:

"Several Negro waitresses were hired for the first time at Brooklyn's Hotel St. George; a Negro worker was upgraded to banquet waiter at the Waldorf-Astoria; a Negro woman was upgraded to executive housekeeper at the Whitehall Hotel."

Mrs. Victoria Garvin, exec. secy. of the N. Y. NLC, said ammunition is ready for all New Yorkers in the campaign against jimcrow, at NLC offices, 53 W. 125th St.

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City Hall rout perils services

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• He would cut street-cleaning to alternate sides of the street each day. His figures still left a hole of $26,000,000 which he proposed to fill by further reduction of city services.

"NO PLAN AT ALL": Manhattan Borough Pres. Robert Wagner, who also opposed going along with the Dewey scheme, said Halley had "no real plan at all." He went looking for a taxpayer to file a suit testing the constitutionality of the Legislature's action.

Controller Lazarus Joseph denounced Dewey's terms as "onerous," but by his vote tipped the Board of Estimate scales in favor of acceptance.

LAZARUS JOSEPH
The way he figgered

He said he did so only to give the Mayor a chance to prepare his budget before the Apr. 7 deadline. Later he too took to TV, in the Halley crusading manner, said that when the time came to turn the transit system over to the Authority for a fare rise,

". . . if I find that the contract is not in the best interest of the city I will vote against it. If I vote against it there will be no transit authority." (His vote would tie the tally in the Board.)

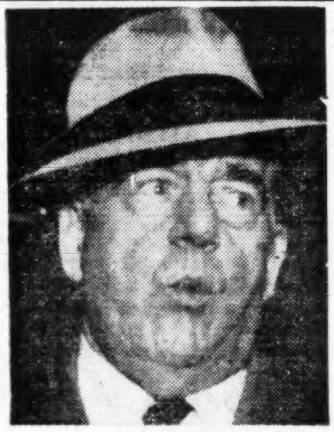
COSTUME PIECE: For the moment at least all crusaders on the Board of Estimate agreed to shelve the Albany-authorized city payroll tax (¼ of 1% each from employer and employe); but City Hall indications were that before the city had exhausted its possible tax targets (which include beer, movies, juke boxes and parking meters), the politicians might "reluctantly" revert to the paychecks.

Assemblyman Philip J. Schupler (D-B'klyn) crusaded in period costume. In a telegram to Gov. Dewey he recalled 1776 with a charge of "taxation without representation"; then, in Civil War dress, demanded a special session to consider the city's secession from the state altogether.

SOLUTION: Amid the tumult only the American Labor Party seemed to offer a solution. The ALP program would:

• Reject the Transit Authority proposals.

• Expand, not cut, city services; grant wage increases and a 40-hour week for city workers.



JOE RYAN
For all you've done

• Raise the money by assessments on big commercial and industrial real estate.

• Lead a drive to force Gov. Dewey to put these items on the agenda of the May special session of the Legislature: repeal rent rise and Transit Authority legislation; increase return to city of state-collected taxes from $6.75 per capita to $12; increase state corporation and inheritance taxes; authorize city to levy stock-transfer tax; provide for a referendum by voters in November on a $600,000,000 state bond issue for school construction.

ALP chairman Vito Marcantonio added this demand: "That the City Hall crop of Mayoralty candidates stop selling the people down the river."

"DEAR JOE—TOM": That crop of crusading candidates received a different kind of warning from Louis Waldman, attorney for Joseph P. Ryan, pres. of the racket-ridden AFL Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. At a meeting of the Kings County Grand Jurors Assn. in the Central YMCA, 55 Hanson Pl., B'klyn, Waldman said that "all political parties, Republican, Democratic and Liberal [would] find it dangerous" to make waterfront racketeering a major campaign issue.

As a sample bombshell he read a letter sent by Gov. Dewey to Ryan, addressed as "Dear Joe," dated May 9, 1950, regretting his inability to attend the annual affair of the Joseph P. Ryan Assn. The Gov. sent his regards to "all the fine people at the dinner," then closed:

"On behalf of the people of the entire State, I congratulate and thank you for what you've done to keep the Communists from getting control of the New York waterfront. Be assured that the entire machinery of the Government of New York State is behind you and your organization in this determination."

Widow of police victim sues city

ON THE night of May 2, 1949, Joseph Patrick Shields, 55, of 501 E. 40th St., Bronx, was taken ill. According to Mrs. Shields, police "beat and battered" him and threw him "bodily and violently to the floor of the ambulance" summoned to take him to Lincoln Hospital. He was never taken to the hospital but "callously flung to the hallway floor" of his home. Three days later he died of spinal injuries in the U.S. Marine Hospital, Staten Is.

Last week his widow filed papers in Bronx Court suing the city for $250,000.

Harry H. Lipsig, 20 Vesey St., attorney for Mrs. Shields, told the GUARDIAN the case had dragged since 1949. Last week however, Supreme Court Justice Kenneth M. O'Brien signed a show-cause order compelling the policemen and ambulance physician to appear for such examination. He has also granted Mr. Lipsig's request that all police and hospital records of the case be produced. No date has been set.

TWO VIEWPOINTS: During promotion exercises at police headquarters last week Mayor Impellitteri again denied a "states-rights" deal by which N. Y. cops alone would investigate charges of their own brutality. He had one word for those who disparaged Commissioner George P. Monaghan: "Un-American."

On the other hand, Miss Ella Baker, pres., N. Y. branch, National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, maintained the following day at a regional conference in Freedom House, 20 W. 40 St. (NYT, 3/22) "that police brutality was not a new issue with the association, which she said had received complaints for '10 years or more of incident after incident.' She outlined its efforts to seek legal redress without much success."

Fired N.Y. teachers win allies for court test

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of the FBI were constantly inquiring about students applying for Government jobs. . . ."

WATCH YOUR STEP: Dean Millicent C. McIntosh of Barnard said: "Girls are becoming afraid to advocate the humanitarian point of view because it has been associated with communism."

Early this month when a young woman student at B'klyn College protested the firing of a teacher at a meeting of the Board of Higher Education, board member Gustave G. Rosenberg cautioned:

"Some day you may want to apply for admission to the bar and to some other place. Why don't you watch what you say? Your names are being taken down. Some of the remarks you make today may be misinterpreted. I advise you—don't be misled by anything that carries you away for the moment."

The terror in high schools and grade classes is harder to measure but few doubt its effects on teacher and child.

THE FEINBERG LAW: Before the current drive started with the Astor meeting, the state's Feinberg Law seemed to carry the greatest threat. It was fought by progressives, defended by reactionaries when it passed the Legislature in 1949. Since then, the board's techniques have so sharpened that the Feinberg Law, bad as it is now seems a refuge from the terror. This is what has happened.

On Dec. 6, 1951, the Board of Education adopted a "statement of policy" opening the way for it to fire for "insubordination" any teacher who refused on any grounds to answer questions on political beliefs put by any investigative body. It seemed to cut handily through legalism; it was bolstered by Section 903 of the City Charter which authorizes dismissal for any city employe who refuses to "answer any questions regarding the property, government or affairs of the city . . . on the grounds that his answers would tend to incriminate him."

THE TWISTED ARM: But in March, 1952, the State Commissioner of Education granted the Teachers Union another stay while he considered the legality of the Board's "statement of policy." Board of Education member George A. Timone then took to tougher methods. On school's opening day last September, reportedly at Timone's suggestion, the McCarran Senate Internal Security Subcomm. came to town.

Timone testified at 11:45 a.m. He said in effect: We want to fire all "reds" but our hands are tied by the State Commission on Education. Committee members appeared shocked. At 12:15 p.m. of the same day the State Commissioner, untwisting a badly twisted arm, sent word that the stay had been vacated. The board could continue the purge. It did. Mere refusal to answer a question was now grounds for dismissal. Some teachers won another stay in February. An appeal is also pending against a lower court decision upholding the board's Declaration of Policy.

BURDEN OF PROOF: Under the Feinberg Law the State Board of Regents, charged with preparing a list of proscribed organizations, must hold hearings. (One is currently being held on the Communist Party.) Organizations and individuals may appeal. Teachers who have been fired are to be reinstated pending appeal; membership in any organization is not to be held conclusive grounds for dismissal; if an organization is listed, any member who leaves it within 10 days cannot then be prosecuted. Today the Feinberg Law seems almost a bill of rights. The board is dissatisfied. N. Y. **World-Telegram** (10/1/52) summed up complaints:

"Local school officials said that it would be a burdensome legal problem to sustain the dismissal from the school system of any teacher who is a member of an organization which the school board might list as subversive. The burden of proof to show the subversive character of the organization and the teacher's membership in it would rest on the school board, its legal advisers said."

On March 12 pres. Harry D. Gideonse of B'klyn College complained to Senate inquisitors about the "rigorous" tenure law that prevented more firings.

THERE ARE ALLIES: The next stage in the legal fight will come early in April when the Appellate Division hears the TU case for eight public school teachers and 12 in the colleges fired for refusing to answer questions put by investigating groups. The support TU has won for that showdown indicate how the fight has broadened. Once TU stood alone. Now that targets have widened (churchmen are threatened too) so has support.

The conservative Public Education Assn. has filed a friend-of-the court brief, though it favors dismissal of the victimized teachers by other means. Former State Supreme Court Justice Paxton Blair, who helped draft Article 903 in the charter, will argue the TU case. TU will maintain that teachers are not, strictly speaking, city employes since the Board of Education is under state administration (thus removing them from Article 903's jurisdiction); that the questions the teachers failed to answer did not concern city affairs or "official conduct."

ROSE RUSSELL
Teachers Union legislative representative, who has carried on a tireless fight for their rights.

ONE SINGLE FACT: The witch-hunt which has served to distract the public from the rapidly developing shambles of overcrowded, undermanned and unsafe schools, has turned up this single fact: the teachers investigated had accumulated over 1,000 years of teaching time; yet not one instance of false indoctrination, immorality or misconduct was shown.

The end result of the investigation was put sharply in focus when retired teacher Miss Tima D. Ludins early this month told the McCarran subcomm. that any one qualified should be allowed to teach.

Sen. Wm. E. Jenner (R-Ind.) asked: "Who is going to police them?"

She replied: "Do you mean we are coming to a police state?"

"Education Under Fire" TU conference Mar. 28

The Teachers Union's 17th Annual Conference—"American Education Under Fire"—will honor Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn for his defense of academic freedom. Speakers at the conference, at the Hotel Commodore, Sat., March 28, include Earl Dickerson, Lawyers Guild President; Len De Caux, Editor **March of Labor**; Profs. Scott Buchanan and Barrows Dunham; B. Z. Goldberg of the **Jewish Day-Journal**; Ruth Crawford, formerly of UN.

Simultaneous forums will discuss: I. The Ultimate Target—the Minds of our Children, counteracting the effects of war and war propaganda; II. A Richer Culture, problems of intercultural relations; III. Educational Improvement and Retardation, how parents can compel schools to fulfill their responsibilities; IV. Academic Freedom for All—or for None.

A new kind of film company makes debut with a new kind of talent

Call for talent at the grassroots brought 500 to Hunts Point Palace in the Bronx last week for a public screentest. In the making is a new kind of movie, new kind of movie company. Juano Hernandez, Hollywood star ("Intruder In the Dust," among others) and president of the new Puerto Rico Films, Inc., went casting among unknowns for stars and supporters to make a movie (with musical score). It is scripted by seven writers, six of whom, Hernandez said proudly, "are natives of Puerto Rico who know their country and their people." Acting talent must speak, dance, sing Spanish; stock purchasers (also wanted) need only a little money, more good will, respect for Puerto Rico.

Guardian photos by Bernard

(Top) Lights, cameras, action on stage at Hunts Pt. Palace tryout. (Middle) Big moment for little girl. Hopeful mom gives final touch; helpful director Juano Hernandez takes over; then she relaxes over a drink. (Left) Last minute coaching by Hernandez before the cameras turn. (Right) Fandango climax. Phonograph broke down; this trouper stopped, picked up again without missing a step.

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WAR & PEACE

France's fate in balance as people fight U.S. rule

AT A MOMENT of great crisis for France, whose remaining shreds of sovereignty as a world power might hang in the balance of his visit, pro-U.S. Premier Rene Mayer flew to the U.S. Wednesday—apparently prepared to make the final sacrifice if he could get $1 billion.

The picture, as he was greeted at Washington airport with a speech about Valley Forge by Vice-President Nixon, was one of macabre unreality. To get the desired U.S. aid, Mayer had to convince Washington that France's parliament would ratify the European Defense treaty to rearm Germany. From Right to Left in France, the overwhelming view was that the treaty would be disastrous to French interests. Many deputies of the minority group of parties forming the government joined the Communist and Gaullist parties—which represent two-thirds of the electorate—in opposing the treaty; strongest blasts of all against it had come from ex-Premiers Herriot and Daladier. But while the workers were seething with unrest, apathy and cynicism dominated the middle class even in face of the prospect that France would finally be reduced to the status of a U.S. colony.

GUNS FOR ASIANS: The main card Mayer had to play in his bargaining with Washington was the Indo-China war, which Frenchmen long since decided was "hopeless" but which U.S. strategists had declared vitally important in "holding the line against communism" in the Far East. To train and equip a pro-French Vietnam army as advised by U.S. generals, Mayer would need $800 million.

Mayer was expected to play down the difference between French and U.S. generals as to the advisability of equipping such an Asian army with heavy U.S. armaments. **Tribune des Nations** (2/20) reported that the French general staff, recalling in what vast numbers Chiang's soldiers in China went over to the Communists whenever they could take U.S. guns and tanks with them, feared similar mass desertions in Indo-China if more than light arms were given "Asians."

MEANINGLESS "PROTOCOLS": A skilled politician, Mayer had "bullied" parliament (**NYT, 3/25**) into authorizing an emergency loan on the eve of his departure by threatening to resign if it did not. He was also making all possible capital with French deputies and public of his six "protocols" to the EDC treaty, to which he had "persuaded" representatives of the six other EDC countries to agree. Actually, as **T des N** editor Andre Ull-

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THIS IS THE WAY THINGS ARE TODAY

At the United Nations (l. to r.): Henry C. Lodge (U.S.A.), Sir Gladwyn Jebb (United Kingdom), Andrei Gromyko (U.S.S.R.). For a formula to change the facial expressions, see Tabitha Petran, p. 3.

LABOR

Congress battle on T-H opens

By Lawrence Emery

LABOR last week was fighting in Congress its first major battle under the new Eisenhower Administration; hearings on revision of the Taft-Hartley Act were under way before both House and Senate labor committees. Final floor action on scores of proposed amendments would not come before at least mid-year, but prospects of a labor victory were small. Best hope was that Big Business might be prevented from making the law tougher than it is. Labor itself was presenting no united front in the fight; during the AFL's exec. council meeting in Miami in February, pres. George Meany emphasized that he contemplated no conferences with the CIO for a joint program on T-H. Before House hearings opened Feb. 10, John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers **Journal** commented:

> The situation with respect to T-H is further complicated by the continued division in the ranks of labor and by the compromising attitude of both AFL and CIO. The AFL, cozened by the selection of one of its own as a member of the Cabinet, is moving rapidly toward acceptance of slight amendments of some advantage to the building trades but which would leave the law's basic features untouched. The CIO is talking in a more militant vein but, too, has moved far down the appeasement road and appears willing to embrace amendments. Such a patchwork approach to the subject of T-H is right down Taft's alley and he lost no time in introducing a handful of synthetic amendments which don't really change anything.

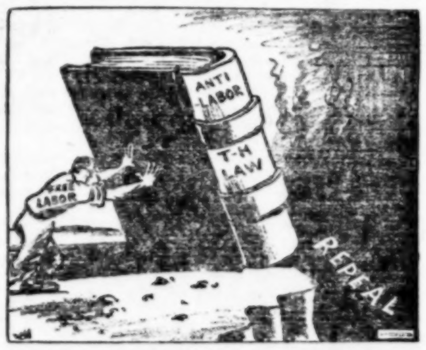
EISENHOWER YIELDS: The President had promised to submit his Administration's own recommendations to restore "justice and fairness" to the basic labor-management relations law; but after a White House conference Mar. 9 Sen. Taft made it clear Eisenhower had welched. The **UMW Journal** (3/15) commented:

> On the important T-H issue, which Ike had pledged to ask Congress to amend, the White House has now bowed to Taft. Instead of going through with its program of seeking amendment, the Eisenhower Administration has decided to let the matter drift until Congressional committees complete hearings. This means, in effect, that Taft will determine the fate of the legislation in this Congress.

The **Journal** recalled the mine union's pre-election charge that Eisenhower had surrendered to Taft at their meeting at New York's Morningside Heights, concluded:

> So, whether there was a surrender at Morningside Heights or not, there certainly has been one at 1600 Pennsylvania Av., a somewhat more important address.

BACKWARD STRIDES: As Congress opened, Taft introduced five separate bills containing more than 20 proposed



From Cover of UMW Journal

Back to the Lower Depths whence it came.

changes in his law. To the CIO some were meaningless, others harmful:

> . . . For each mincing step forward, they take a stride backward. Petty liberalizations are coupled with new anti-union restrictions.

But on Mar. 24, as Senate hearings got under way, Taft announced he had introduced his amendments "just to get the ball rolling—I have no bill and the Administration has no bill." He said that at the end of the

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ALAIN LE LEAP (center) AND PARIS COPS

Picture taken when he surrendered last October

PEACE DIRECTIVE

GUARDIAN readers are circularizing friends, acquaintances and names in letters-to-the-editor columns with this simple "peace directive":

President Eisenhower said he would "go half way around the world" to talk with Stalin if

(1) it would do any good for peace, and

(2) the American people wanted him to.

After Stalin's death, he said he was willing to talk to Stalin's successor in the same conditions. Send a postcard to the President **now**, telling him that

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THE MAIL BAG

Michael says "Thanks"

Dear friends all over the world:

I want to thank you all for the really fine work you are doing in our behalf. Especially do I want to thank those who remembered my birthday, and sent such wonderful cards and gifts. I wish I could write to each one separately, but that would be too much of a task, as there have been so many letters.

I am proud to be a member of the Rosenberg Family, which has so many, many friends and can bring all these thousands together in the cause of Justice and simple Humanity. All of you must believe with us that our parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, are Innocent, and will continue in this fight to bring us all together again. In the meantime my parents must feel a bit relieved in the fact that so many people are trying to make our lot a bit easier, during this so unjustified separation from us. We hope that some day we will be able to have our celebrations together.

Michael Rosenberg

Rosenberg Case in Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C.

It is heartening for many of us here in Canada to know about the good fight the GUARDIAN is putting up for simple decency and humanity. Your paper has been of particular value to many of us here in Vancouver (as well as elsewhere in Canada, I am certain) as an adjunct to the fight to save the lives of the Rosenbergs.

In this city we have already held two mass public meetings and held two mass placard picket parades (the last with 150 marchers) who paraded thru downtown Vancouver for several miles, distributing leaflets at the same time. The parade ended in front of the U. S. Consulate where picketing continued for some time. Following the last parade (three weeks ago) a daily vigil was held on seven consecutive days at key downtown points. Apart from this we have distributed thousands of pamphlets, organized writing bees, and generally did whatever else was possible to reveal the savage nature of a penalty for which there is no precedent.

I hardly need to tell you that, despite the fact that the press has covered our meetings with newsmen and photographers (doubtless in the vain hope of "incidents"), we have received a minimum of publicity in the daily papers—and that minimum viciously distorted.

"Canadian"

How crazy can you get dept.

LONDON, July 7—More than 10,000 employes in the 60 stores [of] the John Lewis Partnership are to have their wages cut. . . The John Lewis Partnership operates under a unique profit-sharing system introduced by the present chairman, who is a direct descendent of the founder. Employes are known and addressed as "partners."

In his statement on the wage cuts, Mr. Lewis warns the "partners" that unless they sign an agreement accepting the wage cuts they will automatically be given notice of dismissal.

—Women's Wear Daily (clipping undated).

One-year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Winner: Yale Forman, New York City.

2,000 to show 'em

SULLIVAN, MO.

Wanted the names and correct addresses of 2,000 people in Missouri to help build an anti-fascist organization in this State: today—now—before the McCarthys and McCarrans and their ilk take over.

L. K. England

Lord Jeff's germ war

ROCKLAND, ME.

I am sending you this historical incident in relation to current talk of germ warfare.

"Sir Jeffrey Amherst—for whom Amherst College is named—had a plan for exterminating the Indians. He was commander in chief of the British forces in America in the 1760's while the French and Indian War was going on. With all deference to historical perspective, the viewpoint of the age, and so on, his plan makes one more or less ashamed of the human race. His idea was to kill the Indians by spreading the smallpox among them—and to spread it he proposed giving them blankets inoculated with the disease. The blankets were to be given as presents, accompanied by smiles and expressions of good will. He wrote to a subordinate at Fort Pitt in 1763: 'You will do well to try to inoculate the Indians by means of blankets, as well as to try every other method that can serve to extirpate this execrable race. I should be very glad your scheme for hunting them down by dogs could take effect.'" **Woodward, ch. VI, p. 106.**

I have taken the above from Notes, page 372, of the book **The Rise of the Spanish Empire**, by S. de Madariaga, Macmillan, 1947.

Mike Nevelson

Earl and his B. W.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The first paragraph of the first page of the current issue of the **Alumni Review** (Univ. of So. Calif.) goes like this:

"They are two of the newest graduates — likewise two of the most unusual. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blank Jr. earn, simultaneously, degrees Dr. of Philosophy. Both Blanks work in the field of bacteriology and are now at the Army's Dugway Proving Grounds near Salt Lake City."

Bacteriological warfare? Who? Us?

U. Niven Sokal

Lancaster in Daily Express, London

"Maybe she can't act but I still think she's got a future in Dimensions."

It's a grand time

FLORENCE, CALIF.

When Adlai complained that the Republican administration was being staffed almost exclusively by Big Business men, Ike replied rather huffily that these men would work out grand. That's what we're afraid of; they'll work out several hundred thousand grand.

Orrie Sebring

Waste of ammunition

SCAPPOOSE, ORE.

I wonder whether you have better luck in your arguments with your best girl friends than I have.

This morning I was telling Brunhilde that the Korean War could have been won long ago, had we been more generous to Gen. Van Fleet with our ammunition supply. Brunhilde retorted that Van Fleet had ample ammunition but wasted a lot of it on the Koje prisoners.

"But the prisoners were obstreperous," I protested. "They were singing un-American songs. They had to be punished."

"Sure—but Van Fleet could have killed them with an axe; or he could have admixed some cheap insect poison into their rice—he didn't have to waste our precious ammunition on them."

Vincent Noga

A snake's leg

NOXON, MONT.

I heard the President's address on the condition of the nation. I heard him say that we, the U. S., had been keeping the 7th Fleet at Formosa in order to keep troops there from attacking the Chinese on the mainland. When I heard that I quit listening.

He must think the people's memory is no longer than a snake's leg not to know why the fleet was sent there and kept there, ever since Chiang Kai-shek was chased off the mainland. And if I found your paper lying about the facts I would quit reading it, but to date I have never discovered anything but the truth on its pages.

C. R. Ware

Conspiratorial journey

ST. LOUIS, MO.

America has admittedly embarked on a journey which promises nothing but intrigue, conspiracy and loss of life. She openly states that $100,000,000 of MSA funds are earmarked to promote subversion and disunity among former allies. The CIA's Allen Dulles is committed to the task of fomenting division and insurrection in the socialist democracies. Now just how are these goals to be accomplished by the MSA and CIA? Do the Queensberry rules obtain? Hardly! I think you will find that the American provocateurs are ready to use whatever tools that happen to be handy, whether it is the Joint Distribution Committee or international Zionism.

Thomas J. Gates

Bundles for Dixie

BRONX, N. Y.

Most families have clothing in good condition which they no longer use; often for lack of any real incentive to pass it on they allow it to become a royal breakfast for moths. It's shocking to let this happen when clothing is so badly needed by poor folk in our own country. Clothing sent by anyone—Protestant, Catholic, Jew, atheist, white, Negro—to Rev. Claude Williams, Rt. 1, Box 268, Helena, Ala., will be distributed to everyone in need of it by a people's committee as part of the People's Institute of Applied Religion.

GUARDIAN readers can make a real contribution to a most important work by going to the small trouble and expense of sending bundles to PIAR, which is proving in action in Dixie that all people can live as brothers and by joined effort better their condition. Twenty miles south of Birmingham PIAR is building a folk chapel, community workshop and mechanics' school and an all-peoples' recreation and leadership-training center from reading room to swimming and fishing lake.

A New York group is being formed to undertake at intervals collection and sending south of clothing from those who can't be persuaded to send it themselves. We need someone with storage space who will let it be used for assembling bundles and periodic mailing parties. Any offers?

Dick Morrill
(c/o GUARDIAN,
17 Murray St., N. Y. C. 7)

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REPORT TO READERS

East, West, subs are best!

COAST TO COAST (we wish we could say "border to border" too, but we can't honestly stretch it that far) there is spirited activity on GUARDIAN circulation.

In the East, our new New York Edition is catching on fast. Already some 3,500 "spark-plug" subscribers in New York City are pitching in on new subscriptions and weekly newsstand buying—getting neighbors and jobmates to acquaint themselves with the paper and helping solve our perennial renewal problem. "Friends of the Guardian" clubs are springing up all over the city to promote the paper by public discussion and home gatherings featuring GUARDIAN staff members and other community guests. Our aim in New York City is 15,000 new readers by the end of May. This will take a lot of doing, but if the job can be done, our GUARDIAN "sparks" are the folks who can do it!

IN AND AROUND LOS ANGELES, our sparks are flying, too. Under the generalship of Tiba Willner (her address is in the masthead, above, if you want to get in touch with her) things are moving in some 40 Southern California communities from Altadena to Van Nuys. Mrs. Willner's enthusiasm has already caught on in the Independent Progressive Party, which has ordered 5,000 sub blanks to be distributed among 45 active clubs for a big campaign beginning April 13.

A Chinese "Celestial Dinner" last Friday evening in L. A. featured some 80 GUARDIAN well-wishers seeking to master the art of the chopsticks; and next Saturday, April 4, there are two GUARDIAN parties scheduled to date, and more to come.

BULLETIN: Chinese Party a huge success and a credit to NATIONAL GUARDIAN. Folks went home very happy and they thought it was a very delightful evening.—Tiba Willner.

THE PRINCIPAL AIM of all these activities is new and renewed readership, which is the lifeblood of the GUARDIAN as well as real bone and muscle for the peace forces of our country. To keep the paper going while sub drives gather momentum, we have to keep asking for contributions and monthly pledges—and we renew this request here and now, of all hands all over the country who are not already pitching in.

But to all hands, may we say that we'd rather have money from you in added subscribers than in any other form. There must be at least one person you know who would like to read the GUARDIAN, and perhaps only awaits a suggestion from you. This is the reader we especially want and need, and only you can find.

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How new readers find out about the GUARDIAN, other than through personal contact, sometimes makes a good story—if not a bumper circulation. In the last two weeks, for example, we have had a small mail flurry of dollars attached to clippings printed in Chinese, but with our name and address in English. Turns out that the **China Daily News** in New York commented favorably on our 4-page spread on New China Feb. 19 and recommended that its readers write us for extra copies.

The response was just what the doctor ordered, in any language.

—THE EDITORS

What the American people can do to halt Washington's drive to war

By Tabitha Petran

EVENTS on the world stage since the death of Stalin,, and realities that have come increasingly into the light, show two vital things to the American people who hunger for peace:

- That the frustrations of the Eisenhower Administration's foreign policy are daily deepening;
- That this is consequently a time when pressure from the people who elected and pay for it can be decisive in holding up an all-out war.

A series of conciliatory Soviet moves made the headlines: Foreign Minister Molotov offered to intercede for release of ten British civilians in N. Korea; Gen. Chuikov proposed in Berlin (and Churchill accepted) talks to avoid "regrettable air incidents"; the Moscow press stressed Big Three war-time cooperation and desire for "business-like cooperation with all countries on a basis of mutual advantage."

As for relations with the U. S., Premier Malenkov lost no time in bidding to settle all questions by peaceful negotiation. While Washington clearly had not changed its aim to "break up the Soviet Empire" (Walter Millis, N. Y. **Herald Tribune**, 3/2), it "could not put itself in the position of a righteous door-slammer" (N. Y. **Times**, 3/22). Eisenhower's response

> . . . was generally regarded as the most conciliatory White House statement on U. S.-Soviet relations since the Korean War (Reston, **NYT**, 3/20).

In this situation are reflected Washington's frustrations—and the people's opportunity.

Frustration in Korea

The Administration in "a new series of secret meetings" will decide whether or not to launch "a big drive" in Korea this year (**Wall St. Journal**, 3/23). Proponents concede "the enormous cost in U. S. casualties"; that it will not "win the war," but would

> . . . show Orientals that we are powerful. . . . Right now the Asiatics figure we've lost the war. . . . [Its] major value [would be] psychological. . . [Even so] no one knows what the final political result would be . . . . there might be a sense of failure at not "cleaning up the war" among Americans at home.

Retiring Gen. Van Fleet told the Senate he "was crying" to "finish the enemy" in June, 1951, implied an offensive now could succeed. Walter Millis commented (**NYHT**, 2/31) that victory "might have" been achieved but only by "a tremendous intensification of the effort" and at

> . . . enormous costs in American lives. . . . But this is precisely what the Eisenhower Administration is committed against.

The reason why this commitment was made is clear: popular hatred of the Korean War forced itself into the election campaign. It now complicates the problems of Pentagon warriors who are ready to offer "enormous American casualties" to "save face" before "Orientals"—but even such a sacrifice could not win even this limited objective. Lt. Gen. (retd.) Robert Eichelberger confessed (**Newsweek**, 1/26) that any UN offensive would bring "bloody defeat even worse than that of November, 1950," and "admitting for the sake of argument" that it could succeed, it would put U. S. forces in a still worse spot. Millis stated the blunt truth (**NYHT**, 1/23):

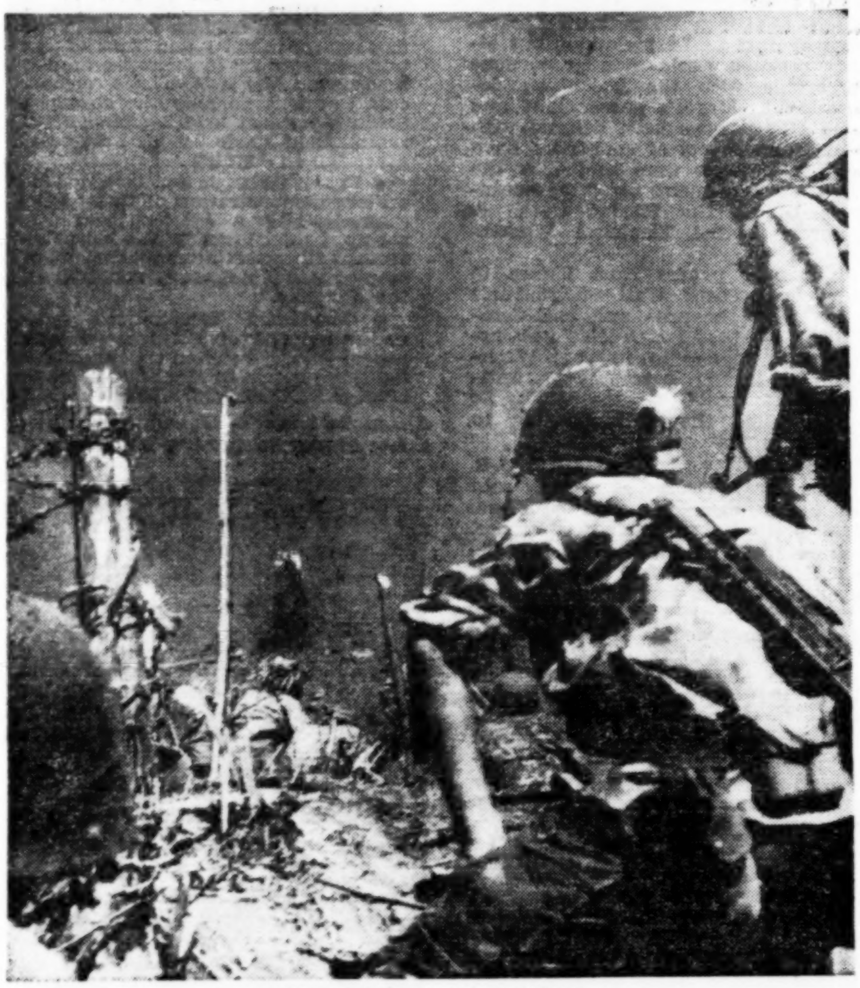
> . . . There is simply no military solution obtainable in Korea.

A HOUSE DIVIDED: This U. S. defeat has revealed something like anarchy in the military establishment. Testimony of Van Fleet and top Pentagon chiefs on the alleged munitions shortage caused some Senators to ask if it hadn't been "part of a deliberate government policy to hold the army in check" (**AP**, 3/22). While Far East commanders have propagandized for all-out war, Gen. Bradley—soon to retire as Joint Chiefs chairman—has repeatedly but circumspectly indicated fear that new military steps would "pin down the bulk of our power" in Asia, set off World War (**NYT**, 3/2).

The deep split in the Pentagon is shown by the loose threats of bombing, blockade, hot pursuit, etc.—all testifying to bankruptcy. No one pretends to a conception of the military, diplomatic, political results of any of these measures.

S. Korean Foreign Minister Y. T. Pyun told **U. S. News** (2/27) his country would have preferred to have been neutral, and that the war

> ". . . has discouraged any other free people which happens to be a border nation from being willingly on the side of the free world."



THE WAR IN INDO-CHINA
Is this next on the list for American troops?

Strategic crisis

Four years ago the late Max Werner wrote: "There are already about ten different military concepts fighting one another inside the military establishment" (GUARDIAN, 8/8/49). He showed that air-atomic strategy canceled out the Atlantic Pact by writing off the military potentials of Britain and W. Europe; that it cannot be decisive against the spaces and defenses of the U. S. S. R. and China; that the whole U. S. concept of technological war fought with a few super-weapons, necessarily tied to an aggressive blitz strategy, cannot be effective against the new type of army (the "armed people") and warfare developed by the U. S. S. R. and China, which embraces economic, political, morale factors.

Some $200 billion spent on these conflicting strategies in the last four years has increasingly burdened and split the "free world." The Atlantic Pact is revealed more clearly as enchainment of U. S. partners; current "disengagement," as an attempt to arm mercenaries on a gigantic scale now that the victory - through - air - power theory has blown to bits in Korea.

ATOMIC BANKRUPTCY: Yet despite Korea, the air-atomic strategy is still dominant.

On the occasion of the TV atom-bomb show, designed to frighten Americans out of their "apathy," and the coincident "Project Lincoln" findings that some $20 billion would be needed for atomic defense, Walter Millis described this strategy's bankruptcy (**NYHT**, 3/18):

> We have, as a nation, been merely playing with the deadliest forces of the modern world . . . dreaming dreams of easy and absolute power, long after those dreams have been dissipated by many different kinds of facts . . . terrifying ourselves with nightmares of irresistible atomic destruction when there are available to our hands many instruments—from those of electronic detection and defensive weaponry to those of simple military and diplomatic common sense—to protect us, if properly used, against these holocausts of our own devising.

Two days later he wrote that our policy of

> . . . piling nuclear threat on nuclear threat . . . is not a strategy at all; it is a sheer nightmare and a nightmare certainly compounded as much out of utter fantasy as out of any real analysis of the real military, political, economic and human factors actually involved in the equation.

The "grimmest fact of all," he added, is that it is impossible to get any authoritative answer anywhere to the basic questions involved: ". . . We have no nuclear strategy now in any worthwhile sense."

Economic crisis

Growing exposure of the bankruptcy of U. S. military policy coincides with maturing of the economic crisis. U. S. economic policy since 1945 has had two openly-admitted goals: to prevent depression by arms spending; to undermine socialist world economy.

Business journals currently radiate optimism, generated chiefly by the Federal Reserve Board's Survey of Consumer Finance which last week showed a lively rise in consumer buying intentions. But long-term crisis signs persist. The **WSJ** (3/21), commenting on the stability of commodity prices following removal of price ceilings, found the

> . . . contrary trends in credit and prices resemble too closely for comfort what happened in the late 1920's just before a world-wide crash in commodity prices. . . . After a boom which dates back 15 years to the time in 1938 when Hitler took Austria, it is natural to wonder whether this time the contrary trends can last for longer than a substantial period of months.

WHO TAKES THE CHECK: A $20 billion kickup in arms spending this year is probably needed to keep the boom going (GUARDIAN, 10/23/52). This is precisely the sum recommended for atomic defense by the "Project Lincoln" scientists. But the big propaganda buildup for such spending met opposition from tax-cutters and from the Air Force, which cannot admit any defense without calling in question the whole air-atomic strategy. It propagandized in its own way for more sums for offense: Sen. Flanders (R-Vt.), whose remarks indicated he had inside tracks to the Pentagon, again suggesting the splits there, flatly accused the Air Force of making a "false report" on the alleged attack on a U. S. bomber near Siberia, of "waging psychological warfare against the people of the U. S." (Moscow said the bomber twice violated Soviet territory, opened fire on Soviet MIG's one of which replied.)

Any increase in arms spending runs up against the strong political pressures for budget-cutting and tax reduction—commitments forced by the people in the election campaign; and against public apathy concerning "danger" of atomic or any attack.

THE ALTERNATIVE: The bankruptcy of U. S. policy was sharply illuminated by Stalin's death. Shattering the "free world's" self-imposed iron curtain around the socialist world, it revealed the spectacular failure to undermine socialist world economy; dramatized for all humanity the alternative to atomic destruction and economic crisis being held out to capitalist nations by the mushrooming socialist economies.

When Stalin died, even the most anti-Soviet press perforce devoted columns to the U. S. S. R.'s tremendous industrial achievements under his direction. Against this unwitting documentation of the stability and potential of socialist economy and of the Soviet peoples' demonstration of loyalty, the present Soviet proposals to negotiate a settlement—to ease capitalist economic problems by huge trade with the socialist world—will have a new and almost irresistible force, at least for U. S. partners and the colonial world.

COMMON SENSE: It is this underlying Soviet economic strength that makes Walter Lippmann frightened at "the growing challenge of Malenkov" (3/24). "We must," he wrote, "expect the Soviet diplomatic influence in Europe and Asia to become stronger than it is today." His only answer is to fall back on the same bankrupt policies which led to the present frustration.

Because the policy-makers are split and frustrated, the response of the American people can be all-important. Common sense must tell them, if they look at the record, that Soviet diplomacy has always aimed at providing peace to protect its huge industrialization projects; that its persistent emphasis on the possibility of peaceful co-existence is neither maneuver nor accident, but a permanent goal based on its own self-interest; and that American self-interest demands negotiation and trade to replace the piling up of nuclear threats, which may, otherwise, explode.

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Renewals and new readers are the lifeblood of our paper. Have you renewed? Have you got a new reader this week?

France in crisis as Mayer visits U.S.

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mann pointed out (2/20), the "protocols" could have no force anyway, being purely "interpretive." The $220 million loan, repayable May 31 together with $72½ million on a previous loan, meant that the government must find $292½ million in about two months to clear itself with the Bank of France—thus merely postponing a greater crisis.

Mayer left behind him these among other "unsolved problems" (**NYT, 3/25**): galloping inflation; soaring living costs; nation-wide opposition to the Indo-China war and EDC treaty; spreading resistance in French African colonies. Extreme right-wing deputy Pierre Andre, blasting the EDC treaty (**Le Monde, 3/18**) as "ponderous and superfluous bureaucracy, on the moral plane a promise of stampede," demanded resumption of four-power talks with the U.S.S.R. and asked

Canard Enchaine Paris

"I knew him when he was this high . . ."

how they could ever be possible if Mayer agreed to confronting Moscow with "the specter of German rearmament, the one menace it is really likely to take seriously."

UNION LEADERS JAILED: Mayer's chief move to stifle popular unrest and earn Washington favor was to arrest working-class leaders. On the eve of his departure police raided offices of the Gen. Confedn. of Labor (CGT) and Communist Party, arrested CGT leaders Andre Tollet and Lucien Molino and **Humanite** (CP organ) editor Andre Stil, "seized more than a ton of documents" (**UP, 3/24**). Other CGT leaders were sought but not found. The government asked parliament to lift the immunity of Jacques Duclos and four other CP deputies so that they, too, could be jailed.

The new arrests came as mass meetings in every large city and delegations to parliament and MP's homes carried to new intensity the protest campaign against the jailing since last October of Alain Le Léap, CGT gen. secy. and vice-pres. of the World Fedn. of Trade Unions. Because he had condemned French colonial repression and rebirth of militarism, Le Léap was charged (as were the newly-arrested leaders) with trying to undermine the armed forces' morale. Le Léap's reply to Judge Michel at his trial was:

> "We have shown that the government's policy is leading to a reduction in the workers' purchasing power and is only benefiting the privileged classes. Is it an act of demoralization to tell the workers the truth . . . the agricultural producers that agricultural price indices range from 17 to 22 as compared with industrial price indices ranging from 35 to 40 . . . the shopkeepers that their fate is linked with that of the workers . . . the whole population that the failure to satisfy their needs, and reduction in the amounts budgeted for civilian purposes, are consequences of the war policy and war preparations?"

"HUMILIATION": The protest campaign against Le Léap's arrest has already reached world-wide proportions comparable with the Rosenberg defense fight. Mayer's government and Judge Michel have been deluged with letters from scores of countries; from the U.S. protests were cabled by the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, the Marine Cooks & Stewards, United Electrical Workers and others.

Right-wing papers from **Figaro** to **Les Echos** (Paris' **Wall St. Journal**) agreed with the pro- and anti-Communist Left that last week's new arrests were made "to impress Washington with the government's anti-Communist zeal" (**NYT, 3/26**); **Le Monde** called them "humiliating to national pride."

IN U.S.—CHEAPER COGNAC: U.S. Treasury Secy. George Humphrey said the U.S.'s own financial problems would limit aid available for France. **Business Week** reported (3/21) behind-scenes discussions for pressure on Mayer to devalue the franc, which is already less than 4% of pre-war value.

Devaluation would make cheaper U.S. "offshore purchases" (orders for arms to be made in France), lower the cost of U.S. military construction in France, further depress French workers' living standards, reduce the price of French luxury goods such as cognac for American buyers—thus completing France's transformation into an American colony.

BATTLE OF BONN: As French alarm at the prospect of a rearmed W. Germany increased, the W. German lower house ratified the European Defense treaty by a comfortable 224-165 votes. The measure of W. German enthusiasm for it—especially of the labor unions—was indicated as the vote wound up debate: 2,500 police using clubs, fire hoses and a huge "water cannon" drove back thousands of men and women demonstrating against the treaty outside the barbed-wire barricades surrounding Bonn's parliament building (**UP, 3/19**). The treaty still faced opposition in the upper house and final Supreme Court decision on its constitutionality.

In Germany as in France, popular reaction as the treaty debates came to a climax was in odd contrast to government leaders' insistence that only ratification of the treaty could save democracy. W. German Chancellor Adenauer's police were continuously raiding the headquarters and members' homes of the non-party National Front, the Social Democrats' Socialist Action group, the Communist Party, arresting many members. Meanwhile (**Wall St. Journal** from Bonn, 3/19) "Bureau Blank"—named after Theodor Blank who is in effect Adenauer's War Minister — besides drawing up plans for a W. German army has developed a widespread intelligence network, to which after the Nazi pattern German businessmen abroad contribute information.

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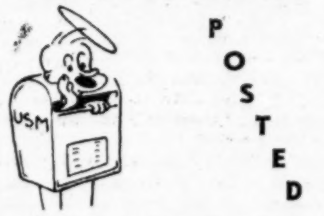

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AT ROSENBERG MEETING

Dr. Bernard Loomer, Dean of the U. of Chicago Divinity School, was to speak Sunday evening, Mar. 29, at a Rosenberg Clemency Rally in New York's Carnegie Hall. Dr. Loomer was joined by 104 Protestant clergymen in a letter to President Eisenhower last week urging him to grant executive clemency to Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. Other speakers at the Carnegie Hall meeting are Ruby Dee, star of the film **The Jackie Robinson Story**; Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes of Philadelphia; William Harrison, editor of the Boston **Chronicle**; Jack Levine, noted artist. On Monday, March 30, attorney Emanuel Bloch was scheduled to present to the Supreme Court a petition for a review of the case.

Stevenson visits Chiang in 'defense first' Asia mission

DOING the grand "free world" tour of the Far East from Japan to S. Korea to Formosa was Adlai E. Stevenson, liberals' choice last fall for "lesser evil" President of the U.S. From President Eisenhower—who trounced him in the White House race with slogans suggesting peace in Asia, but later whittled them down to "let Asians fight Asians"—Stevenson carried a friendship message to "our friends throughout the world." These were some nuggets dropped by the leader of the opposition party as he traveled:

- He denied that "the death of Stalin and succession of Malenkov is going to result in . . . any easing of tensions";
- Recognizing the Asian cry for higher living standards, recommended "defense first, then development";
- Joined Chiang, the Philippines' Quirino and S. Korea's Syngman Rhee in urging and forecasting formation of an Asian alliance similar to NATO, which he said has met with success in Europe;
- Referred to Asia as "the area of decision in the modern world . . . the destiny [of which] and thus of the world must rest" in Japanese hands; made what the **N. Y. Times** reporter called "unquestionably the strongest public statement favoring [Japanese] rearmament made by an influential American in Japan";
- Found Chiang's Formosa "a laboratory demonstration of better government and a healthy economic set-up, [which] can be the most important historical accomplishment of many years if not many centuries in the Far East";
- Considered Eisenhower's "deneutralization" of Formosa "a very logical thing," believed Chiang had a fighting chance to regain the mainland. (**NYT 3/10, 3/12, 3/22; UP, 3/21.**)

ADLAI THE BAPTIST: Stevenson was a late starter in proving his affection

ADLAI E. STEVENSON
Arriving in Formosa

for Chiang—the current yardstick of "Americanism;" but he was being allowed to expiate his sometimes liberalistic campaign speeches by acting in effect as advance agent for Secy. Dulles, who is to make the Asia tour in May after leaving behind him in W. Europe a trail of bitter resentment.

In neutral Indonesia—next on Stevenson's itinerary—he was to meet retiring Ambassador to New Delhi Chester Bowles before visiting India, the essential but still-uncracked nut in Washington's Asian dessert.

CHIANG IS PINING: Circles far from the Left disagreed strenuously with Stevenson's picture of Asia's "free world." To Paris' obstinately factual non-party **Tribune des Nations** (2/20), its Formosa correspondent gave this picture of Chiang's captive island under the headline "CHIANG KAI-SHEK AGES; AWAITS HIS WIFE MORE IMPATIENTLY THAN HIS HOUR":

> Chiang arrived three years ago . . . in flight; he imposed his rule only thanks to U.S. support . . . survived only by a system of requisitioning, of martial law applied if not proclaimed; in January, 36 executions for military reasons; rather more at the beginning of February. . . .
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> Formosa is of small military significance save in the context of a big war fully involving the U.S. Chiang therefore needs diplomats much more than soldiers or materiel. . . . That is why [he] hopes to see his wife return to activity. . . . She is the chief arm of the Nationalists, together with a map and some false notions about Far East strategy. Chiang's most important battlefields are the map room of the Pentagon and the UN Assembly where he does not forget that he is represented—and as one of the Big Five yet!

Mrs. Chiang, here for months for treatment of neuro-dermatitis, returned still ailing to Formosa last week.

CARNIVAL IN TOKYO: In Japan, new elections loomed in April after an insulting remark by Premier Yoshida precipitated a vote of no confidence in his government. Probing deeper into political realities, Chicago **Daily News'** Ernie Hill from Tokyo described how the Big Four of the Zaibatsu (family monopolies)—Mitsui, Mitsubishi, Sumitomo, Yashuda—are recovering their business empires, with Tokyo papers carrying such headlines as

> MISTUBISHI OPENS FIRST POST-WAR AIRPLANE PLANT.
> ZAIBATSU AGAIN AGGRESSIVELY FINANCING MUNITIONS COMPANIES.
> PLANS SEEN SHAPED TO REVIVE TWO FORMER TRADE ZAIBATSU.
> CABINET PLANS REVISION OF ZAIBATSU LAWS WRITTEN BY OCCUPATION.

Hill described how Japan's labor unions are being beaten down by the Zaibatsu and by strike-banning bills proposed in parliament by Yoshida. To the military caste and Zaibatsu, Hill wrote, Eisenhower's State of the Union message meant Japan's reconquest of Manchuria; plans were developing to reintroduce emperor-worship, militarism and "Bushido" (fight-to-the-death) spirit into the field of education.

INSECTS FROM UNCLE: Side by side with warlike preparations—banned forever by Japan's post-war constitution—resistance to them was growing. With over 600 military bases already built, and A-bombs reported stockpiled in northern Honshu and Tachikawa, the peace movement in a pamphlet charged the U.S. with manufacturing bacteriological weapons in consultation with Gen. Shiro Ishii and other Japanese germ-war experts. Packets of infected insects were reported to have been flown from Camp Detrick, Md., to an 8th Army unit known as Detachment 406, located in the heart of Tokyo.

McCarthy backs Dulles into a corner on Bohlen as panic spreads in capital

RAMPAGING Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Wis.), backed by Sens. Pat McCarran (D-Nev.) and Styles Bridges (R-N.H.), last week had Secy. of State John F. Dulles backed into a corner and had reduced the President of the U.S. to the point where, when the two met at a social party, Eisenhower meekly shook hands with his contemptuous critic. McCarthy, conceding that he could not block the President's appointment of Charles E. Bohlen as Ambassador to Moscow, nevertheless kept up the fight through the week, postponed Senate action on the matter from Monday to Wednesday and then to Friday, and in the process won concessions for his group that will haunt the Administration for the rest of its term.

McCarthy attacked Bohlen ostensibly because he was "part and parcel of the Acheson-Truman foreign policy planners," an associate of "the Hiss-Acheson gang." By refusing to accept Dulles' denial that his top security officer, Scott McLeod, had refused to "clear" Bohlen on the basis of FBI files on him, McCarthy in effect called Dulles a liar and forced the Senate Foreign Relations Comm. to send Sens. Robert A. Taft (R-O.) and John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), like errand boys, to Dulles' office where for three hours they pored over a summary of the FBI raw file on Bohlen. FBI raw files, said the N.Y. **Times'** James Reston, contain

> ... anonymous letters, gossip, hearsay and unsubstantiated rumors of every description. Accordingly, officials were asking here tonight: "What would happen if material of this sort fell into the hands of Sen. McCarthy, Sen. Jenner, ... Rep. Velde, ... and Sen. McCarran ...?"

TRIAL BY "SIXTH SENSE": Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D-Ia.) gave a sample of what is in the Bohlen file: one derogatory report was from a man who

> "... said he looked at Bohlen and with his sixth sense determined that Bohlen was a man who did have in the back of his mind such a tendency toward immorality as to make him unfit."

Taft and Sparkman reported there was nothing in the files to cast the slightest suspicion on Bohlen's "loyalty and security"; but McCarthy continued the fight, more brash than ever. He demanded that Dulles and McLeod be summoned to confront each other and testify under oath, suggested that Bohlen himself submit to a lie-detector test. During the week, according to the Washington **Post,** "McCarthy scooted out of town to visit Whittaker Chambers in what was reliably reported to be a new effort to find material for use against Bohlen."

The professional informer knew nothing about him, but sagely advised:

> "The unhappy chance of Mr. Bohlen's participation at Yalta makes him an unhappy choice as Ambassador to Moscow."

Bohlen is as hostile to the Soviet Union as anyone in the government. (He is a distant relative of the Krupp

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armament kings, whose full family name is Krupp von Bohlen.)

APPEASEMENT: Although the nation's press represented Dulles as making a stiff fight against McCarthy, actually he was still trying to appease him. In addition to making the FBI file available, he stressed — through Foreign Relations Comm. chairman Alexander Wiley—that as ambassador Bohlen will not be "in a policy-making position," whereas his present post as State Dept. Counselor on Soviet affairs involves him in "very high-level policy-making."

When this implied demotion failed to satisfy the wild men, Dulles made available to Sen. William F. Knowland (R-Calif.) a memorandum from three high-ranking senior diplomats recommending Bohlen. When this was read on the Senate floor, McCarthy refused to accept it, insultingly suggested that Knowland hand it to Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) for verification.

During the week McCarthy pointedly reminded newsmen he is a member of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, which controls State Dept. funds; his henchman Bridges is chairman and his henchman McCarran is also a member. By Thursday McCarthy had picked up two more supporters in his fight, Sens. Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R-Ia.) and A. F. Schoeppel (R-Kan.).

FILES FOR EVERYONE? To the **Times'** Reston, the main issue was

> ... what happens to the confidential files of the FBI. ... If the Administration allows two members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to look into Mr. Bohlen's full FBI file, ... other Congressional committees may very well demand the same authority—for example, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, which is headed by Sen. McCarthy, who has been this authority for several years.

Witness accuses McCarthy of 'murder'

PUBLICITY-CONSCIOUS Sen. McCarthy's Voice of America probe hearings were televised into millions of American homes when, last Monday, he began questioning allegedly Communist authors of books found in U.S. information libraries overseas. (The State Dept. swiftly broadcast an order around the world to remove all such volumes.) The audiences saw and heard something they did not expect: a witness calling McCarthy a murderer to his face and a five-minute discussion of the NATIONAL GUARDIAN.

The witness was William Mandel, one of the U.S.' top experts on the Soviet Union (formerly research director of the N.Y. American-Russian Institute) and author of **The Soviet Far East & Central Asia** and other works found in normally efficient libraries. Mandel followed on the stand former Communist Party leader Earl Browder, who refused to answer questions with "exceeding regret," and James S. Allen whose **World Monopoly & Peace** was reported in a U.S. library in Bombay.

"A COMMUNIST MAGAZINE": The GUARDIAN came into the proceedings when Mandel, reading from his pamphlet **Man Bites Dog** (excerpts from his earlier testimony before the McCarran Internal Security subcommittee), was asked to offer it for evidence. Counsel Roy Cohen, noting it was published by this paper, demanded to know if the GUARDIAN is a "communist magazine," was assured it is not.

Mandel corrected him sharply when he asked if this isn't the paper "campaigning for the convicted 'atom spies' ... Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," forced him to admit they were not convicted as "atom spies" but for the entirely different charge of conspiracy to commit espionage.

BOOK BURNINGS: When Mandel took the offensive by denouncing the proceedings as "American book burnings" and accusing the committee of anti-Semitism, McCarthy said: "We'll have no more of this. Officer, stand by!" Later, referring to the death last month of Voice of America engineer Raymond Kaplan who had expected to be called before the committee, Mandel said:

> "You murdered Raymond Kaplan by driving him to a point where he jumped under a truck."

McCarthy gave no indication that he regarded the statement as contemptuous. When asked his opinion of the Korean War's origin, Mandel cited documentary evidence of the hand the U.S. took in starting it. He urged the committee not to jeopardize his job by naming his place of employment. When it insisted, he charged it with posing as an investigative body but "arrogating to itself the right to exact punishment."

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In this and (we hope) the next issue we will catch up—inadequately, with too-brief notes on some of the books that have come our way.

As a collection, the book backlog to be covered is a heartening reminder of the broad variety and incorruptible decency of people here and all over the world who fight till they fall, in words or action or both, for truth and for what FDR told Congress in 1944 must be the root of all freedom: "Adequate food, clothing recreation, medical care, a decent home."

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ROSE AND CROWN, by Sean O'Casey. Macmillan, N. Y., 323 pp., $4.75 (Liberty Book Club members, by mail $1.89).

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SOVIET CIVILIZATION, by Corliss Lamont. Philosophical Library, N. Y., 433 pp., $5.

WITH a lucid calmness of which perhaps only he is capable on the subject now generating nuclear heat on both sides, Dr. Lamont, millionaire's son and humanist philosopher, writes his "major effort, intellectual and moral, to help stem the tide of misunderstanding" and bring the peace both American and Soviet peoples yearn for. His planned third visit to the U. S. S. R. to get new material was stopped by the State Dept. in Oct., 1951. Lamont criticizes lack of civil liberties in the U. S. S.R., the Czech Communists for their "drastic action," the N. Koreans for "probable" aggression, but insists it is just as proper for the Soviets to try to spread their ideas in other lands as it was for Jefferson to proclaim America was "acting for the whole human race" in its revolution. In their aims and efforts to end race discrimination and "remake nature" for greater abundance (illustrated by a fine map), he sees the Soviets as "in harmony with the highest Christian ethics," and applies John Dewey's yardstick of the "good" and the "bad": the one "moving to become better" and the other "beginning to grow less good," regardless of past performance. As an antidote to the neo-nonsense in the press since Stalin's death, Lamont's objective account of how the Soviet government works is invaluable.

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AMERICAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS, 1781-1947, by William Appleman Williams. Rinehart, N. Y. 367 pp. $5.

OREGON University's Iowa-born asst. prof. in American Foreign Relations has written the most important contribution in many years in

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his field. Readers of Marzani's *We Can Be Friends* can find here the pre-cold-war part of the picture, told in scrupulous, objective detail with much startling new material—but it's a straight history book with no attempt at popular presentation. The record shows that there always were common-sense reasons for the U. S. to be friendly with Russia; that Russia persistently tried to be friends for mutual advantage; and that U. S. Far Eastern and world policies have consistently failed due to Washington antagonism which became bitterly irrational under Wilson and has remained so except for the brief FDR war-time interlude. Williams reminds us that many influential forces in the U. S. have tried vainly to restore sanity since the Russian Revolution; that U. S. corporations helped build Soviet industry, hydro-electric projects, mechanized farming, and profited greatly by it; that in 1931 U. S. machine tool exports would have "collapsed" but for the U. S. S. R. which took 65% of them. Yet in mid-Depression—and just as Japan moved into Manchuria—Hoover was "unmoved from his determination to destroy the Soviet Union." The elements that won the day for this unworkable "policy" were symbolized by Averell Harriman, who got a concession to exploit Soviet manganese but threw up his hands when colonial-type exploitation was denied him: his mission was hopeless, for he found that "the workmen feel they are the government."

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IN THE NAME OF PEACE, by Archie Johnstone. Foreign Language Publishing House, Moscow, 152 pp.; Imported Publications & Products, 22 E. 17th St., N. Y. C. 3, 50c.

THE price of a cozy life for a Western newspaperman is small—just the surrender of his honesty; the price of taking a stand upon the truth was exile and vituperation from his own country for British reporter Johnstone, but when the walls of his conscience were bursting he had to pay it. This is the story of how his government sent him to Moscow to edit its paper **British Ally** started there during the war; of the nasty, conspiratorial atmosphere in which he had to live and work, and his eventual decision to tell the truth to the world and take his chances as a political refugee in the U. S. S. R. Two other newspapermen formerly on "respectable" British newspaper staffs (John Peet, now in E. Germany; Wilfred Burchett, now in N. Korea) have recently made similar decisions rather than accept orders to defame their profession in E. Europe. More Western colleagues than want to say so admire their guts.

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YO BANFA! by Rewi Alley. China Monthly Review, Shanghai, 193 pp. with photographs, $1. Banned in U. S. A.; obtainable in Canada or Britain.

"GUNG HO!", the "work together" cry that inspired China (and for a time, America) in its war against Japan, was born in the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives; and the creative genius of the C. I. C. was New Zealand's capable, modest Rewi Alley. The title of Alley's beautifully-illustrated diary of the years 1950-51—actually an account of the new China that "stands on its feet in the sunlight" interleaved with many and dreadful memories of the old China that Alley knew for 20 years—means: "We **have** a way!" A more infectiously readable book for Western readers, showing that they have and that it is good, could hardly be imagined. Alley has seen it all: at one time he was even an outwardly respected figure in Kuomintang circles, when it used C. I. C. as "a nice reformist face to show the world." His work has been the same ever since "Gung Ho" began in 1938: to help bring 500 million people to their feet by establishing "sound common-sense" training collectives which teach "the science of the way to live together, to subordinate the wild lusts of greedy man to the principled actions of the collective group." He tells warmly and informally of the "epic struggle of our age, infinitely more significant than any atomic bomb," to which he and a few other Westerners whom it inspired have gladly given all they had. The epic

WM. A. WILLIAMS
Before the Cold War

goes on in the new atmosphere of boundless hope while Western Civilization—which saw the years-long mass slaughter of progressives by the Kuomintang as "so common as not to warrant mention in the papers"—thunders its denunciations of the "Red Terror" into the ears of the one-fifth of humanity who have stood up.

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THE SCALPEL, THE SWORD, by Ted Allan & Sidney Gordon, with preface by Mme. Sun Yat-sen. Little, Brown (Boston), 336 pp., $5.

CANADA'S great surgeon Dr. Norman Bethune encountered the class struggle in the streets of Montreal, where he saw starving unemployed beaten to pulp by mounted police. He decided that "medicine as we are practising it is a luxury trade" and gave his life and genius to the people—first offering free advice to his workless fellow-citizens; then in Spain, where he introduced the mobile blood-bank in the civil war; then in China, where an infection caught while performing surgical miracles with the people's army took his life. The epic of this painter, poet, soldier, teacher, inventor and healer—told in the manner of a novel by ingenious paraphrasing from his letters and diaries—is a monument to a West that was and will be again. E. G.

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CITIZENS OF THE WORLD, by Stringfellow Barr. Doubleday, N.Y., 285 pp., $3.

WITH courage unusual these days, Barr has tackled the problem of the nearly two billion people in the world suffering from hunger and misery in the midst of potential plenty. In pungent, pamphleteering style Barr first gives a devastating analysis of U. S. foreign policy which, he says, makes no sense either to foreigners or to Americans; as a believer in "world government" he later pleads with more passion than practicality for a UN-supervised global TVA to raise world living standards. The first part is worth the price of the book. K. G.

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THE GEOGRAPHY OF HUNGER, by Josue de Castro, with foreword by Lord Boyd-Orr. Little, Brown, 337 pp., $4.50.

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Why the U.S. Government is hounding Vincent and Vivian Hallinan

By Vincent Hallinan

ROSS, CALIF.

UPON the return of an indictment in the United States Court, against my wife, Vivian, and me, I stated that neither of us owed a nickel to the Government for income taxes and that the action of the Internal Revenue agents and Dept. of Justice were part of a program of political harassment. In view of the wide support which has been accorded us by those familiar with such programs, I desire to point out facts supporting this view:

Some time in the early part of 1949, Glen H. Adrian, an accountant for the Internal Revenue Dept., made an extensive survey of all records and accounts of my Law Office, including those of my associates, covering the years 1946 and 1947. On Nov. 16, 1949, I received a notification that this agent had found an underassessment for 1946 in the sum of $555.11 and an overassessment for 1947 in the sum of 582.26. This left the government owing me $27.15 for the two years.

Thereafter I commenced the trial of the Harry Bridges case, received two six-month sentences for contempt, and launched a campaign to acquaint the American people and particularly the American labor forces with the fraud, dishonesty and corruptness of the government agents and attorneys, used to procure a conviction of the defendants in that case. In the latter part of 1950 I went to England and France on matters connected with the same case and, on my return, published an account of the anti-American sentiment among the people of England and France, stemming from the conviction that the United States Government was provoking war. This interview, so far as I know, was the first to publicly set out the hostility

VINCENT HALLINAN
The price of honesty

toward this nation of the people of these two "allies"—a sentiment now well known. In addition I made numerous speeches on the same subject and warned the American people that if their government worked them into a war with either the Soviet Union or China we would have to go it alone.

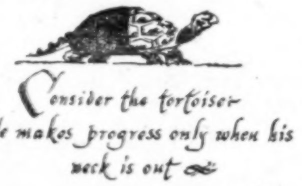
SHORTLY thereafter agents of the State Dept. called upon me and demanded my passport and thereafter served a notice upon me that I would be prosecuted for felony if I attempted to use it. A little later, agents of the Immigration Dept. removed me from a train at the Canadian border and served a notice upon me that I would be prosecuted for felony if I attempted to leave the borders of the U.S. Then, in May, 1951, without any further inspection of records, Internal Revenue Agent Glen Adrian amended his findings of Nov. 1949, and sent me a notice that, instead of having been **over**assessed $582.26 for 1947, I had been **under**assessed $5,351.35 for that year and had thereby incurred a penalty for fraud in the sum of $3,575.68. Shortly thereafter the U.S. Attorney, employing mostly information procured by the Internal Revenue Dept., obtained an indictment against me and eight other persons on a charge of conspiring to assist one of them to defraud the Government on an income tax matter. On the trial, the Government attorney informed the jury that he would show that "Vincent Hallinan is the main-spring and focal point of this conspiracy."

Thereafter he failed to introduce a word to show that I even knew of the matter involved, which is not surprising since I was in New York during the entire time and was sitting back with conclusive proof of that fact. However the judge ordered a directed verdict of acquittal for me at the close of the prosecution's case and the judge or the jury thereafter acquitted all the other defendants.

MEANWHILE I had continued—and even enlarged—my efforts to arrest the drive toward war and to procure justice for the defendants in the Bridges case. In addition I received the Presidential nomination of the Progressive Party. One week after this nomination the Supreme Court, which had held the matter under submission for months, denied me a review of the contempt sentences. The day I was to surrender to the United States Marshal I was served with notice of a jeopardy assessment charging that Vivian and I owed over $368,000 in income taxes and penalties for the years 1948-49-50. All her property, real and personal, was impounded under this proceeding. Now, a year later, we are indicted and charged with understating our income for those three years in the sum of about $29,000—less than 10% of the former claim contained in the jeopardy assessment. The total amount claimed for the 5 years involved is about $65,000.

Twice, since the inception of the Bridges case, my office has been burglarized and searched. On the last occasion, while I was confined in the Federal Penitentiary on the contempt sentence, all records and files were broken into and reduced to such a condition that most of them were disposed of as garbage by the building manager. Stamps, typewriters etc. were left undisturbed.

During my incarceration, Vivian carried on a most valiant campaign. This has sufficed, although her records are in perfect shape and she had little to do with income tax returns beside signing them when they were presented to her, to involve her in this persecution.



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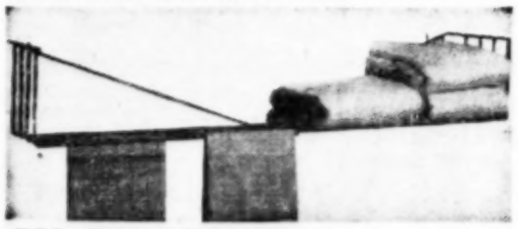

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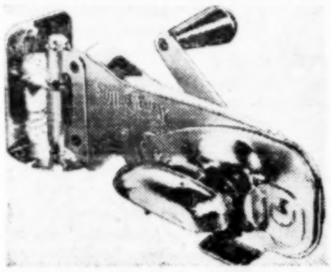

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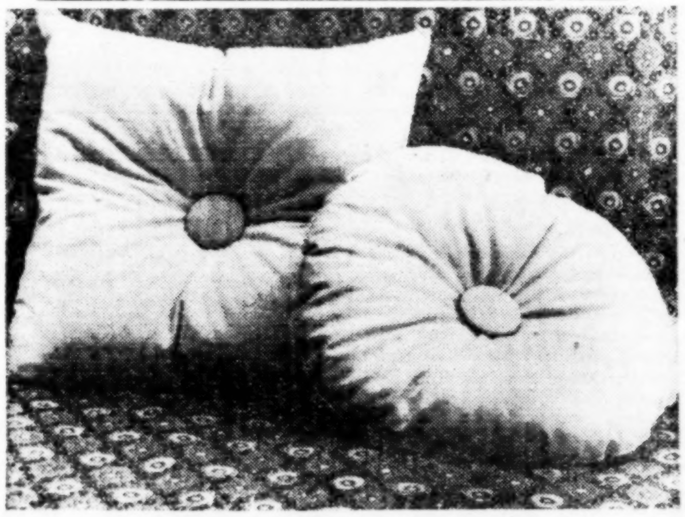

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Battle in Congress on T-H law opens

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six-week hearings committee attorneys will be directed to draw up a bill, predicted charges will be "sweeping."

The hearings proceeded without benefit of a 15-man advisory committee (five each for labor, industry, "the public") set up by Labor Secy. Martin P. Durkin at Eisenhower's suggestion. At the group's third meeting the industry members walked out because they were willing only to talk and not to take a vote on any specific proposal. The bolt was clear indication of Big Business intransigence under the new Administration. Said Meany:

"I am forced to the inescapable conclusion from their actions that these representatives of industry are perfectly content to sit tight with the T-H Act as now written—with all its unfairness and its union-busting provisions—and will take part in no move to make the law more acceptable to labor."

A BARREL OF HOPE: At the hearings both CIO and AFL proposed fundamental changes on almost every T-H provision, presumably in the hope that by throwing everything into the barrel they might extract a minimum at the end. They wanted removed: the ban on the closed shop and curbs on union hiring halls; the 80-day injunction in "national emergency" strikes with separate Congressional action on each strike so designated; all other injunctions in labor disputes; the non-Communist affidavit with some other government agency, such as Pat McCarran's Subversive Activities Control Board, assigned to hunt "subversives" in labor; employers' right to sue unions for damages in breach of contract cases. They sought a ban on employers' right to conduct anti-union propaganda to captive audiences of their workers, relaxation of restrictions on secondary boycotts.

Industry spokesmen wanted each of these provisions toughened up; in addition they were lobbying for a ban on industry-wide bargaining and strikes, and for an amendment to make unions subject to prosecution under anti-monopoly laws.

UNITY "17 TO 10"? Against this offensive of industry, prospects of labor unification continued to dim. A February meeting of CIO and AFL leaders to discuss a merger, postponed by the death of CIO vice-pres. Haywood last month, is now set for April 7.

While AFL's Meany estimated chances of unity this year at "17 to 10," CIO pres. Walter Reuther last week at his Auto Workers convention in Atlantic City laid down four conditions for unity: elimination of "racketeer leadership" in the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn. (the AFL Council had given ILA pres. Joe Ryan until April 30 to "report" that he had taken steps to end corruption in his union); no tampering with CIO's industrial union structure; membership to be open to "all, regardless of race, creed or color"; establishment of peaceful means of settling jurisdictional disputes.

CIO SQUABBLES: CIO was having its own unity troubles. Since the bit-

WALTER REUTHER
Four points

ter fight at its December convention when Reuther defeated Haywood for the presidency, rumors persisted that the United Steelworkers (whose pres. David J. McDonald backed Haywood) might bolt, form an alliance with UMW or affiliate with AFL.

Choice of a successor to Haywood increased rivalry between the two biggest unions. McDonald vetoed Reuther's choice of Joe Curran of the Natl. Maritime Union, Reuther in turn vetoed two of McDonald's choices. The appointment finally went to John V. Riffe, a veteran steel union official. Post of chief assistant went to another steelworker; to third place went R. J. Thomas, one-time UAW pres., who was Haywood's top aide. Last week McDonald appeared at the UAW convention specifically to deny that he might leave CIO.

WANTED—MORE DOUGH: Labor's wage policies for 1953 were not yet fully spelled out. With lifting of wage controls Feb. 6, ending what the **Wall St. Journal** called "the tightest wage freeze in history," some 1,000,000 workers were in line for immediate pay or fringe benefit boosts already negotiated but either disallowed by the old Wage Stabilization Board or strangled there with red tape.

AFL instructed all its affiliates to seek higher wages this year to hold off a major depression in 1954 or 1955. Its economic report cited an "ominous disparity" between how much a worker can produce and how much he can buy; pointed out that labor productivity has risen twice as much as real wages since 1949; concluded that only a substantial rise in purchasing power can sustain the national economy.

CIO's United Rubber Workers concluded the first contracts in a major industry this year, reported 25 "basic improvements" but left wages to be negotiated later; the union's Intl. Policy Committee at a two-day meeting called for "a substantial general wage increase." UAW, tied to two more years of a five-year contract with General Motors and with wage increases based on an outdated cost-of-living index, is seeking a way to reopen wage demands now; there is some rank-and-file sentiment for immediate abrogation of the long-term contract. Wage talks in the steel industry are to begin July 1. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers are on record for a 15c-an-hour wage boost this year. The CIO Intl. Woodworkers, faced with "unsteady work and unemployment," seek a 22½c-an-hour raise with a 6-hour workday. But textile companies are demanding wage-cuts ranging up to an average of 24c an hour.

UAW WARNS OF WAR: On larger issues U.S. labor was reacting slowly. Until last week only **Labor**, organ of a million organized railroad workers, had raised a warning of the new danger of war in the Eisenhower-Dulles foreign policy; last week the UAW convention overwhelmingly adopted a resolution insisting "the road to peace must be kept open," warning "we must not allow ourselves to be stampeded by reactionary isolationists or by trigger-happy Senators." It quoted Soviet Premier Malenkov's declaration that all world disputes can be settled peacefully, said its sincerity can be judged only "by sitting down with the leaders of the Kremlin and talking concrete cases":

We know that unless we find a way to talk it out, we shall be forced eventually to shoot it out, with tragic consequences which no man dares to contemplate.

It was the first such resolution passed by a major CIO organization since Truman ushered in the atom-bomb era.

Some significant sections of labor were beginning to take alarm at increased witch-hunting since the Eisenhower inauguration. In recent weeks opposition to McCarthy and other Congressional probers has appeared in AFL's **News-Reporter**, **CIO News** and railroad's **Labor**.

FREEDOMS

Brownell presses alien deportation drive

ATTY. Gen. Herbert Brownell Jr. this month told 2,200 Friendly Sons of St. Patrick he was making "steady progress" in driving "these snakes from our shores." The "snakes" were "10,000 naturalized citizens and 12,000 aliens under investigation as subversives" including "280 Communist Party leaders now under deportation orders." Brownell considered himself the "modern-day St. Patrick."

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born saw Brownell as carrying on efforts

. . . to scare the foreign-born by making them believe the odds are so much against them that nothing they can do will help them—efforts that began several months ago with a series of questionings and continued last Feb. 18 with a Hearst-press prediction that 10,000 would have their citizenships revoked in the next few months.

Regarding "official-looking letters sent out by the hundreds requesting citizens to appear at the [Immigration and Naturalization] Service 'in connection with an official matter,'" ACPFB attorneys advised that

. . . any naturalized citizen receiving such a letter has absolutely no obligation under the law to appear. . . . The Service itself is fully aware that once a person becomes a citizen it has no jurisdiction over the person.

FELONY OF "ASSOCIATION": A major fight against the assault on the foreign-born still continued around Martin Young, militant trade unionist (Transport Workers Union, United Steelworkers) who came to the U.S. from Russia when he was 14 and was arrested for deportation in Oct., 1951. Held without bail for a year on Ellis Island, Young graphically described in the GUARDIAN (4/9/52) the human misery, suicides, violence and degradation on the Island but said his "faith in the American people sustained him."

The ACPFB again urged:

- Naturalized and non-citizens to get in touch with ACPFB offices (23 W. 26th St., N.Y.C. 10; branches in Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles) for advice on their legal rights when faced with problems arising out of foreign birth.
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Bill to allow child labor spiked

ASSEMBLYMAN John F. Wadlin (R-Ulster) for a week ducked verbal brickbats hurled by religious, civic, labor and social welfare groups; then, at the Legislative session's end, withdrew his two bills enabling children not in school to pick fruit and vegetables and stay out of "serious mischief" by doing "other such light, healthful, outdoor character-building work on a farm."

Wadlin made it plain he was shelving, not burying, his bills. He himself owns no orchards, but as a lawyer he represents his Ulster neighbors—apple, strawberry, carrot and lettuce growers who constitute a formidable Albany lobby. His House Bill 2529 would provide that a child under 16 may no longer be prevented by law from picking fruits or vegetables "when attendance at school is not required." H. B. 2530 would empower the State Industrial Commissioner to let children under 14 pick if he thinks conditions are OK.

CHARACTER BUILDING BY WADLIN
Keeps the little man off the streets, he says

State Industrial Commissioner Moore told the N.Y. **Post** the State Labor Dept. "strongly opposed" them since they tended "to break down the state's labor standards."

GENERAL PROTEST: The temporary victory against Wadlin's measures was sharpened as the NAACP's Herbert Hill headed a delegation of branch leaders and representatives of the Natl. Child Labor Committee to Albany.

Senators and Assemblymen, including Assembly Minority Leader Eugene F. Bannigan and Assemblyman Hulan Jack and Senators Zaretsky and Metcalf of the Labor Committee, joined the N.Y. State CIO, the Citizens Committee on Children, the N.Y. Women's Trade Union League, the Assn. of Catholic Trade Unions and the Liberal and American Labor parties in opposing the bills. The bills were variously denounced as aimed at "the children of Negro migratory workers, some 20,000 of whom come to N.Y. state to harvest crops during the summer and early fall"; "the worst bills that have been introduced on this subject in the past 25 years"; "an abandonment of the progressive and enlightened legislative policy of the N.Y. State Legislature in the past," and as violating "the basic moral teachings of our Holy Fathers, the Popes, in their pronouncements on the Christian social order."

"INCOMPETENTS": Wadlin insisted he wanted only to strengthen a law which doesn't allow children under 14 to "accompany their parents to the fields," so that "our boys and girls [may be] thought of as little men and women" and not as "incompetents unable to do anything for themselves or anyone else."

Sol Markoff, a general secy. of the Natl. Child Labor Committee, replied that if the bills "should unfortunately be passed, all regulations which now apply to fruit and vegetable harvesting operations would be scrapped during the summer months." "No certificate of fitness would be required;" the farm lobby "is interested first and foremost in the cultivation of crops and not character."

"Hundreds of letters sent to legislators by shocked New Yorkers," the N.Y. **Post** (3/12/53) reported, pointed out that "Wadlin's method of 'combatting delinquency' . . . would actually foster delinquency by permitting youngsters to remain away from parental supervision for long hours."

THE REAL STORY: Wadlin's picture of thousands of New York children idling every summer "toward being juvenile delinquents" is refuted by a sample survey in Yonkers last year. The Natl. Child Labor Committee reports in its bulletin **The American Child** (11/19/52):

"On a school day selected as typical, all children in grades 7 through 12 who were in attendance answered a questionnaire designed to elicit information on age, occupation, earnings, and hours of work. In all, 6,508 students submitted data which comprised 84% of the entire city's public school enrollment in grades 7-12.

"Analyses of the questionnaires showed that 36% of the students were engaged in paid, part-time work. A surprising disclosure was that about 25% of the children **under** 14 years of age did some paid part-time work outside of school hours. About 35% of the 14 and 15 year olds worked outside of school and about 43% of the 16 and 17 year olds.

"A disturbing fact revealed in the survey concerned the hours of employment, particularly among the workers under 14 years of age. On week-ends, 31% of these boys and girls worked for more than 8 hours a day. On school days, fully 18% stated that they were employed for more than 3 hours. Evening work was quite common, with 36% of those under 14 working after 6 p.m. on school days.

"The earnings varied from one occupation to another and even greatly within any one occupation. Taking the group as a whole, the survey disclosed that 53% of the group earned less than 70 cents an hour. On a weekly basis three-fifths of the group earned less than $10 a week."

FEDERAL LAWS: The bulletin shows elsewhere (1/1953) that "with 340,000 agricultural occupational injuries reported by the Natl. Safety Council in 1950, of which 4,300 were fatal," the number of "little men and women" injured annually "can be conservatively estimated at several thousand."

Is child-labor legislation designed to treat children "as incompetents unable to do anything for themselves or anyone else?" Federal Child-Labor Regulations set (1) a minimum age of 16 years for employment during school hours; (2) a 14-year minimum age, hour and night work regulations for non-manufacturing work outside school hours; (3) an 18-year minimum for hazardous occupations. (Only the first provision applies to agriculture.)

HOW TO KEEP IT: New York's is generally conceded to be a good child-labor law. Those on guard against attempts to break it down last week said a letter barrage now reinforcing the victory could deter Wadlin from reintroducing the bills at future sessions.

Key people to write: John F. Wadlin, chairman, committee on labor and industry; Oswald D. Heck, speaker of the Assembly; Lee B. Mailler, majority leader; Eugene F. Bannigan, minority leader; all at State Capitol, Albany, N. Y.

What the Legislature did

THE Legislature which closed last week sent more than 1,000 bills to the Governor's desk for signature. For most of those bills New Yorkers will be paying (in taxes, rents, loss of democratic rights) for years, with scant recompense. Here is the record:

HOUSING: Raised rents 15% over 1943 levels, affecting 1,000,000 tenants in N.Y.C. alone and a total of 3,000,000 in the state at large. Abolished emergency housing for veterans, tenants to be evicted by Sept. 30, houses to be demolished by Dec. 31 unless local governments take over. Did nothing about urgently needed low rent public housing.

LABOR: Buried bill to abolish waterfront shape-up; did nothing to extend unemployment insurance or workmen's compensation but set up "studies" with an eye to budget cutting. Killed bill allowing compensation for partial disability from silicosis. Authorized employment of women over 21 in factories after midnight. Defeated 10% pay rise for state workers. On the credit side, killed or shelved bills to bar use of union funds for political campaigns and weaken child labor statutes (see p. 5).

SCHOOLS: Failed to grant a school bond issue despite needed school building. Buried state-sponsored educational TV. On the credit side, barred schools from accepting gifts with the condition they teach racial supremacy doctrines.

DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS: Passed legislation dismissing from party or public office anyone who refuses to waive immunity before investigative bodies (presumably directed at racket tie-ups but may be used against political dissidents). Killed Crime Commission's key recommendation that district leaders of any party be elected by enrolled voters instead of present system, appointment by county leaders. Extended Defense Emergency Act and state "loyalty" witch-hunt program. Killed extension of personal permanent registration. On the credit side, amended charter of Knights of Pythias to remove jimcrow clause.

OTHERS: Shelved bills for compulsory automobile inspection and liability insurance; passed a constitutional amendment authorizing raises in pay for Governor and Lt. Governor.

Insisting on economies the legislators set up at Gov. Dewey's suggestion commissions to study civil service law, fire prevention, highway financing, judicial system, N. Y. C. reorganization, school building costs, state activities, municipal finance—at a total cost of $1,045,000. ALP exec. secy. Arthur Schutzer called the study groups "devices for political jobs," and suggested: "What is really needed is a study of the Dewey study commissions."

'Wonderful Town' boss out $4,000

THE closing of **Wonderful Town** for the single performance on the night of April 8 will cost producer Robert Fryer at least $4,000, but he's willing to take the loss rather than face the displeasure of Ed Sullivan, a Broadway gossip purveyor. The performance, with 300 seats purchased by the GUARDIAN for a benefit, was canceled after an attack on the paper by Ed Sullivan in the N.Y. **Daily News.**

A GUARDIAN statement (see Mar. 23 issue) was sent to the N.Y. press and received fair treatment in the **Times** and **Herald Tribune.** The GUARDIAN learned also that the cast, in a first vote, rejected the idea of canceling the performance. Even after a tough talk from Fryer who forced a second vote, almost half the cast was still opposed.

In his column of March 26, Sullivan crowed over his victory, warned bookers of theater parties that he'd take off after them if they didn't screen applicants in the future. "This precaution imposes no limitation on free speech," he wrote. "It is an American precaution."

We get around

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Academic freedom places 3d in McCarthy-Shuster debate

IN a duel last week between Hunter College president George Shuster and Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.) academic freedom, an innocent bystander, was badly beaten. This is a blow-by-blow account:

Speaking before the Natl. Conference on Civil Liberties in Washington Shuster said:

"If in a nation like ours there should exist widespread fear of criticism and much supine acceptance of gags, it might well indicate that many had so fallen in love with security and were so deeply entrenched behind the walls of tenure that their sovereign interest no longer was conscience but conformity."

He denounced current witch-hunts in the schools, said Communist Party membership alone ought not to bar a teacher, took on McCarthy:

"No doubt the time has come to ask on what meat this our Caesar has fed."

THE PRESCRIPTION: Then he advanced his own program. Prime point: declare the CP illegal, thus making it possible "to deal with academic members of that party on the basis of well-defined principle rather than of popular sentiment or of legal expediency."

He urged forgetting "aberrations of Communist popular front days," easing up on "epithets" tossed at McCarthy. The last point did not appease the Senator. He wrote Shuster:

SEN. McCARTHY
A little knowledge . . .

"I will defend your right to criticize me, but I feel your failure to join with millions of Americans in fighting communism in our great public education system weakens your criticism."

He cited (1) Shuster's failure to fire Mrs. Henrietta A. Friedman from the Hunter faculty after testimony that she had attended CP meetings; (2) allowing Howard Fast to speak on the campus.

THE PLAN: Shuster countered by claiming a superior strategy in firing Mrs. Friedman. He said that N.Y. **Journal-American** reporter and professional anti-communist witness Howard Rushmore had introduced him to an ex-FBI agent who told him that he had seen Mrs. Friedman at communist meetings. Dr. Shuster said:

"The Board of Higher Education ruled properly that any case against Mrs. Friedman based on this testimony alone would fail. It was only after Mrs. Friedman was summoned before the Senate subcommittee and took refuge in the Fifth Amendment that the board was able to discharge her under Section 903 of the City Charter." (See Teachers, p. 1.)

VERY HASTY: College rules, Dr. Shuster said, prevented his barring Fast. He summed up on McCarthy:

"My sole objection to the Senator is that he makes utterances and innuendoes based on a very hasty and superficial evaluation of the facts." Then, defending his record he said:

'Before McCarthy looked up in the encyclopedia where the Kremlin was located, Gerhardt Eisler was telling his **Daily Worker** readers that I should be hanged in Union Square."

Check on **Daily Worker** files turned up no such Eisler advice, left the doctor open to charges of "hasty and superficial evaluation."

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Catholic pressure groups resisted

RESISTANCE to pressure by Catholic groups in books and health flared last week on two sectors. The exec. board of the Queens Fedn. of Churches (Prot.) condemned the Catholic Charities ultimatum that it would withdraw from the Health & Welfare Councils in Bronx, Queens and Manhattan if the Planned Parenthood Fedn.—charged with "violating God's law"—remained (GUARDIAN, 3/23). The church board said the move to force out Planned Parenthood would inject "authoritarianism into an area where democratic processes are essential. . . . The sense of cooperation is fundamental to the American way of life. Complete agreement is not necessary to cooperation."

The Bedford-Eastern Parkway Chapter of the American Veterans Committee, meeting at 571 Eastern Pkwy., B'klyn, assailed the drive of the Decent Literature Committee of Our Lady Help of Christians Church which early in the month tried to drive off B'klyn store shelves certain proscribed books (GUARDIAN, 3/16).

The vets denounced the "book banning," commended Bantam Books for its full-page ad in defense of the right to print and to read. Howard Squadron, former atty. for the American Jewish Congress, called the banning "arbitrary and capricious," then listed for the meeting "our most powerful pressure groups—the Roman Catholic Church, American Legion and B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League."

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DOUBLE FEATURE
Thurs., Apr. 2, 8 p.m. Village La Guardia Club, 166 Thompson St. Dr. W. Alphaeus Hunton lectures on "The Struggle for Peace and Freedom in Africa." Also Sound Color Film: "Africa Fights for Freedom." All Welcome. Refreshments. Admission: Free.

PRESENTING A NEW SERIES OF EVENTS: A cultural forum every Thurs. night at the **JEFFERSON SCHOOL**. Apr. 2 at 8:30 p.m. Author-Meets-Reader Discussion with Howard Fast speaking on his new novel in progress. Chairman: Sidney Finkelstein. At Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 6th Av. (cor. 16th St.) Contr.: $1.

SCOTT NEARING will SPEAK Mar. 30 (Mon.) at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 230 Lenox Av., 8 p.m. "THE URGENCY OF PEACE." Mar. 31 (Tues.) Community Church, 40 E. 35th St., 7 p.m. "EARNED AND UNEARNED INCOME"; 8:30 p.m. "THE COLD WAR-ASIAN FRONT."

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Health Dept. 'passing buck' on Queens rats

"DEATH PITS" and booby-traps last week worried Queensites. A month ago, after mothers had reported large water-rats swimming in the 4-foot-deep swamp east of 150th St. and 76th Rd., Kew Gardens Hills, the Health Dept. clamped a violation on the property for "harboring" rats.

Last week Borough Sanitation Dept. officials said the Health Dept. was "passing the buck" on the rat situation and had repeatedly failed to clamp down on guilty property owners. A Sanitation spokesman said: "This isn't the first time the Health Dept. has neglected to take effective measures to wipe out the rat menace."

Meanwhile Joseph Sanders, pres. of the Rosewood Improvement Assn. of Bayside, called attention to a "death-pit" pool of rainwater, 4 feet deep, on Rocky Hill Rd. between 202-203d Sts. Parents feared another suburban tragedy in which children drown in unguarded pools. Sanders also pointed to the "craters" in Queens roads like the one on Oceania St. near 48th Av. where a car was recently turned over, its driver sent to the hospital.

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MARCH 28-29

Films

DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK: H'wood revival, older children, N. Y. Historical Soc., 170 Central Pk. W., Sat. 2 p.m. Free.

GIFT OF GREEN LEAVES, ROOTS OF PLANTS: Amer. Museum of Natural Hist., Central Pk. W. & 79th St., Sat. 2 p.m. Free.

MYSTERY OF THE INCAS & BIRD MIGRATION: Museum of City of N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St., Sat., 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Free.

TRAVEL FILMS & COMEDIES: B'klyn Museum, Eastern P'kway, 2 p.m. Free.

Plays

THE JESTER'S DAUGHTER: B'klyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette, Sat. 3 p.m. $1.00.

RAGGEDY ANN & ANNA: Junior Theatre, Carnegie Recital Hall, 154 W. 57th St., Sat. 2:15 p.m. $1.20-$2.40.

THE MAGIC SHOE: Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand St., Sat. 3 p.m. 10c.

SLEEPING BEAUTY: Mae Desmond's Prof. Children's Theatre, Walton Comm. Center, 196th St. & Jerome Av. Sat., Mar. 28. 50c.

Miscellaneous

PARK DEPT. CITY-WIDE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: children's teams, Madison Sq. Garden, 8th Av. & 50th St., Sat. 10 a.m. Free.

ATOMIC WEAPONS OF PEACE: science demonstration by Dr. Hubert Alyea, Great Hall CCNY, Convent Av. & 139th St., Sat. 10 a.m., $1.25 (benefit: Israel science school).

CHILDREN'S ART: "Great moments in the Life of Our People," by Children in U. S. Jewish schools, Jewish Museum, 5th Av. & 92d St., open Sun. Free.

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: B'klyn Av. & Park Pl., Sat. Free. Story hour, 11:30 a.m.
Live animal program, 11:15 p.m.
Science demonst., "What makes wheels go round," 2:30 p.m.
Planetarium demonst., 3 p.m.
"Big ships, little boats," demonst. (6-12 yrs.) 3:30 p.m.

APRIL 4-5

Films

PRINCE AND THE PAUPER: film revival children's show at Trans-Lux, 85th St. & Madison Av. 11 a.m. Sat. Children 35c, adults 50c.

Plays

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: by Playmart. Children's Theatre, Carl Fischer Concert Hall, 165 W. 67th St., Sat., 1 & 2:45 p.m. Sun., 2:45 p.m. 75c & $1.20.

THE ENCHANTED BALLOONS, THE GOOPS, HOLIDAY IN ISRAEL: by the Merry Go Rounders. Adult dance repertory company performing for children. YM & YWHA, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Sun., 1:30 & 3:30 p.m., $1.20 & $1.80. Half-rate for groups of 20 or more.

Miscellaneous

CHILDREN'S ZOO: Bronx Park opens Sat., Apr. 4, if weather is good. Animals in this section of the zoo are pets and may be handled by children. Adults admitted only if accompanied by children. Sat., 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children 18c, adults 12c. Appeal is principally to young children. General zoo admission is free. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun., 10 to 6:30 p.m.

EGG ROLLING CONTEST for children 5 to 13 on Great Lawn of Central Park, 80th to 84th Sts. Sat., 2 p.m. Prizes in four age groups. Held Mon. if rain.

EASTER IN THE HEAVENS: new show at Hayden Planetarium relates sky pictures to Easter, Passover and spring; dome becomes giant illustrated Easter egg, etc. Sat., 11 a.m.; Sat. & Sun., 2, 3, 4, 5 & 8:30 p.m. Children under 5 not admitted. Allow time before show to see solar system demonstration and corridor exhibits too. Children 40c, adults, 65c mat., 95c eves.

MORE CIRCUS: "Greatest Show On Earth" exhibit at N. Y. Historical Society, 170 Central Pk. W. (nr. 76th St.). Circus poster, pictures, etc., from 1792 to the present, and a complete miniature circus. Also "The Circus in Books and Prints" at N. Y. Public Library, 5th Av. & 42d St., 2d floor Gallery, Sat., 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun., 1-5:30 p.m. Free.

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. Sat. Free. Film, 11 a.m.; Story Hour, 11:30 a.m.; Live Animal Show, 1:15 p.m.; Film, 2 p.m.; Science Demonstration, 2:30 p.m.; Planetarium Demonstration, 3 p.m.; Film, 4 p.m.

Easter Vacation Week

DAILY MATINEE FOR MOPPETS: Leroy the Magician and Peggy Bridge Marionettes. Live entertainment during intermissions. Jan Hus House, 351 E. 74th St. (bet. 1 & 2 Avs.), 2:30 p.m.. 72c. Mon., Apr. 6, "The Wishing Well" & Leroy the Magician; Tues., Apr. 7, "Treasure Island," Marionette Show & Magician; Wed., Apr. 8, "Puss in Boots"; Thurs., Apr. 9, "Nobody's Rabbitt"; Fri., Apr. 10, "Texas Tim," cowboy story; Sat., Apr. 11, "The Three Little Pigs."

THE PIED PIPER: by the Playhouse. A play for children, acted by adults. YM & YWHA, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Wed., Apr. 8, 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m., $1.20 & $1.80. Half-rate for groups of 20 or more.

CIRCUS is on at Madison Square Garden, 8th Av. & 50th St. Twice daily at 2:15 and 8:30 p.m. thru May 10. $1.50-$6.50. Children under 12 ½ price exc. Sat. & Sun.

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ART, 36 E. 8th. **The Suspect** (Br.) revival, Laughton, Raines; **Lady Paname** (Fr.) through Apr. 1.

TRANS-LUX 85th, Madison & 85th. **Lavender Hill Mob**, Guinness (Br.), from Mar. 31.

5th AV. PLAYHOUSE, 5th Av. & 12th St. **Lavender Hill Mob & Tight Little Island** (both Br.), from Mar. 27.

GREENWICH, Greenwich Av. & 12th St. **White Corridors** (Br.).

TERRACE, 9th Av. & 23d. **My Sister Eileen**, revival; **The Suspect.**

THALIA, B'way & 95th. **Young and the Damned**, documentary on juvenile delinquency (Sp.); **Under the Paris Sky.**

GRANDE, 160 E. 86th. **Lady Vanishes.**

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ALP MANHATTAN COMMUNITY CENTER, 220 W. 80th St.—Chas. Chaplin Film Festival, Sun., Mar. 29, from 6:30 p.m.

ASP FILM CENTER, 37 W. 64th.—Marcel Pagnol's **The Prize** (Fr.). Sat., Mar. 28, from 8:30 p.m.

LIMELIGHT, 34th St. Theatre, 164 E. 34th—Mar. 31-Apr. 1; Fenway, Bronx, Apr. 1-2; Cross Bay, Ozone Pk., Queens, Apr. 1-2.

MAEDCHEN IN UNIFORM, Roslyn Theatre, Roslyn, L. I.—Apr. 2.

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Off-Broadway Shows

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World-Tele writers 'hungry,' says Tablet

As far as we can see, the "brutality" in the recent Police Dept. news stories can largely be traced to hungry writers, a desire for publicity by some outsiders given to sensationalism and the usual effort to foment trouble on the part of pro-Communist or fellow-traveler groups.

The exaggerated charges are largely based on rumor and racial appeals, and in many instances styled after "exposures" in the **Daily Worker.** But the information has been inconclusive.

—Brooklyn **Tablet,** official organ of the Bklyn Roman Catholic Diocese, current issue

Safe — but maybe boring

If you've been staying away from Hollywood movies for fear of exposure to subversive influences, it's safe to go back in now, according to screenwriter Martin Berkeley, who put the finger on 100 Hollywood personalities for the House Un-American Activities Committee, and who is now screening people for the movie industry.

"The major studios do not have a single Red working for them who has been named before a Congresisonal committee, and I tell you there isn't an industry in the entire country that can match that record," Berkeley told W. Hollywood American Legion Post 405. "Those of you who have avoided motion picture theatres because of Red infiltration can now attend knowing that your fight has been won."

Berkeley offered no solution for those who have been staying away to avoid boredom.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT!

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New School hangs curtain over Orozco mural: it has S----n and L---n portraits

MONKS-CLOTH last week covered one wall in the dining hall of the New School for Social Research, 66 W. 12th St., Manhattan, concealing a mural by the late, much respected Mexican artist, Jose Clemente Orozco. The New School (which once specialized in engaging educators fleeing from fascism) had boasted of the mural in other years. Last week, still ready to admit Orozco's art is great, the school bowed to hysteria: the mural had offended by including portraits of Lenin and Stalin.

Once before, in 1951, the school had shrouded Orozco, but when protests poured in, explained that it was only to hang another exhibition, later uncovered Orozco. Authorities registered their embarrassment at the time in a copper plaque below the mural. The plaque said the feeling in the work was exclusively Orozco's and dated back to 1930.

VERY UNEASY: Last week New School's publicity director Agnes de Lima told the GUARDIAN that the school had acted because the Lenin and Stalin portraits had aroused so much "vituperation." She said the school had been "very reluctant" to censor Orozco but that this is "a period of great unease about Russia."

Miss de Lima said she had hoped the bronze disclaimer would do the trick, "that if people read it, they might have some balance. . . . We recognize that it is a great work of art by a great artist."

She said part of the reason for covering it was to protect the great work from "vandalism." (Unconfirmed reports in art centers said the New School was trying to give the mural away to any taker.)

The school said that only the "tide of criticism" had forced them to censor their own murals. The GUARDIAN asked whether, if the school received protests against the monks-cloth black-out, it would lift the shroud. Miss de Lima said that the school "takes no stand" even on its own walls, that it was "hard to take a public poll." She agreed that it might be "perfectly easy to rouse protest" against covering the mural.

"NO COMMENT": It was admitted at the school that some protests against the cover-up had come in. The GUARDIAN made a quick canvass of the city's art world, got these reactions:

- **Francis Taylor**, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art: "I don't consider the matter is any of my business. I have no comment."
- **Andrew Ritchie**, curator of painting and sculpture at the Museum of Modern Art: "I haven't heard. I can't comment."
- **Hermon More**, director of the Whitney Museum: "I don't know the particular circumstances, but as a rule I am against any sort of vandalism like that, public or private."

Artists affiliated with the Natl. Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions talked of a protest movement.

THE RUSSIA PANEL OF THE OROZCO MURAL
Monks-cloth vs. history

Kids' mental health is Brooklyn problem

A TEAM of 1 psychologist, 1 psychiatrist, 1 social worker is supposed to guard the mental health of 2,500 children in the city school system. In practice, each team is assigned to 14,000 children, according to Marcus Pincus, principal of P. S. 119, Brooklyn, who spoke last week at a panel discussion in Brooklyn's Grenada Hotel, sponsored by the Brooklyn Assn. for Mental Health. Dr. Edward F. Falsey, psychiatrist, added: "It is possible to get a diagnosis but almost impossible to get long-term mental treatment."

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They Burned Books Before Bodies

SALT OF THE EARTH — DONALD JACKSON
A FIGHTING UNION — SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO
FLOYD BOSTWICK — ROSAURA REVUELTAS

Unrelated words? No more related than concentration camps and fascism; election funds and Nixon; mink coats and the Truman administration; corruption and New York City.

SALT OF THE EARTH is the name of a movie, being produced by a FIGHTING UNION, the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers. Most of the cast are working people, men and women, acting in the first full length story movie ever made by a union in America.

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And that's how DONALD JACKSON gets into the act. He's the member of the House Un-American Activities Committee who attacked the movie as "subversive" and—as an on-the-spot observer said—"tried to whip up the people of SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO, into shameful acts of violence reminiscent of Nazi Germany."

Some people responded; the union-haters.

That's why Bostwick's house was set on fire and his children endangered . . . the Mine-Mill Local headquarters razed by fire . . . why the star of the picture, ROSAURA REVUELTAS, top-notch Mexican actress, was arrested for deportation by U. S. Immigration authorities.

The SALT OF THE EARTH will have to be finished elsewhere. . . .

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When Hitler, Goebbels, Goering and their backers took over in Germany they set the pattern for fascism.

It's familiar enough, now: go after the ideas; stifle free discussion; gag the teachers; burn the books; ban the movies.

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